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The Preface
OF THE
AUTHOR
TO THE
READER.

IF some think no shame to displeasure many for the displeasuring of a few (Gentle Reader) then I need not to blush, nor fear to profit many, by hurting of none, which I hope I have done, by publishing of this my Book, not Pen'd without pain, nor drawn with diligence, nor ended with ease: wherein are ch, and so many Notable, Rare, Pleasant, Pro- ble, and Precious Things (meaning one with an- er) as never were yet set forth in any Volume in lgar English-Tongue; nay, divers of them were

ever hitherto Printed nor written that ever I knew: but only that I writ them at such time as I heard them credibly Reported, thinking them such rare Things as were worthy to be Registred. Marry, I must confess, I have selected and picked a great sort out of Latine Writers; the Authors and Writers whereof, I have named most commonly at the end of the same: And some Notable and Precious Things I gathered out of some old English written books, and some also not long since Printed, unworthy to be hid, and greater pitty but they should be known, which purposely I have placed herein; whereby I think verily many will Read them, Hear them, and have Profit by them, that otherwise should never have known them. For many (I suppose) Will Buy this book for things whereunto they are Affectionated, that never could or would have bought or looked on the Books Wherein they are all. So that by this means, they are like to win against their wills.

Perhaps you will marvel, that I have not placed them in better order, and that things of like matter are not joyned together. Truly, there are so many, of so divers and sundry sorts, and contrary effects, that it could not be altogether observed. And in my judgement, through the strangeness and variety of matter, it will be more desirously and delightfully read, knowing we are made of such a mould, that delicate daintiness delights us much, but we loath to be fed too long with one food, and that long wanting, in strange, pleasant, and contrary places, will lesser weary us, then short travel in often trodden ground.

This

This Work might have been framed with finer Phraſes (more delectable to ſome, though not ſo meet for many) but that it is better to profit a greater ſort, then to feed the fancies of a few; well aſſured, that the learned Eloquent can better perceive plain ſpeeches, than the ſtenderly Learned and common ſort can underſtand Eloquent Diſcourſes.

Therefore as I have written to all indifferently, ſo wiſh I to manifeſt the meaning thereof accordingly: eſpecially of ſuch as are to be conceived: not ignorant that there are divers and ſundry Aſtrological Aphoriſmes, and ſome other Practiſes beſides in this Book, that many both wiſe, Learned, and Eloquent, cannot attain to the underſtanding thereof (much leſs the common ſort) the meaning whereof I commit to the Learned therein. But becauſe the Planetical power and effect in their hours (whereof I have noted ſome marvellous matters in this work) ſhould not be hid or unknown, I hope ſhortly there will be ſet forth ſuch a Rule or platform, that they may be thought ſimple witted, or ſtenderly learned, that thereby cannot find out, and know quickly both what Hour or Time any Planet doth reign or bear rule, at what inſtant the ſame begins; and how long the force thereof doth laſt: which once known, the things which I have written herein concerning the ſame (being marked well and dilligently obſerved) will not only avoid much miſchief and harm, but alſo will procure great pleaſure and profit. Untill the publiſhing whereof, I refer you to a little Book, intituled or called, A breif Treatiſe concerning many proper Tables, &c. *In which little Book is contained*

the Computation of Years, with the Reigns of the Kings of England: *Also, A brief, necessary, and exact Table and Rule, whereby any may find justly and truly, when and how long any Planet doth reign especially such as be of good capacity, and have pregnant wits to conceive the same; but as for the duller sort, whose understandings is unable to reach the true meaning by short Instruction. I think the same to be too brief and busie for them, I have divided this into Eleven Books, wishing that they may be accepted as thankfully and willingly, as I have bestowed them friendly and freely. Being bold to affirm thus much, That a great deal of Gold cannot countervail this Gift; if some Twenty of the said Thousand, be diligently marked, faithfully followed, and perfectly Practised. And thus with few Words, I bid you farewel.*

THOMAS LUPTON.

THE

THE First Book OF NOTABLE THINGS.

I.

IN the first begining hereof, a rare and strange matter shall appear, worthy to be marked, especially of such as love or use Sage. A certain man being in a Garden with his love, did take (as he was walking) a few leaves of Sage, who rubing his teeth and gums therewith, immediately fell down and died: whereupon his said Love was examined how he died: she said, she knew nothing that he ailed, but that he rubbed his teeth with Sage: and she went with the Judge (and others) into the Garden and place where the same thing happened: and then she took of the same Sage to shew

them how he did, and likewise rubbed her teeth and gums therewith, and presently she died also, to the great marvel of all them that stood by: whereupon the Judge suspecting the cause of their deaths to be in the Sage, caused the said Bed of Sage to be plucked and digged up, and to be burned, lest others might have the like harm thereby: and at the roots, or under the said Sage, there was a great Toad found, which infected the same Sage with his venemous breath. *Anthonius Mizaldus* hath written of this marvelous matter. This may be a warning to such as rashly use to eat raw and unwashed Sage: therefore it is good to plant Rue round about Sage, for Toads by no means will come nigh unto Rue (as it is thought of some.)

2. A certain Poet, by the report of *Mizaldus* did wear leaden soles under his shoes; lest the wind should over-Blow him, his body was so light and so little.

3. If any do mildly or softly beat the Plant or stalks of an herb call'd *Mullen*, some calls it *Hedge taper*, in the morning, when the flowers thereof begin to open, all the flowers by little and little will fall and come to one; as though the Plant were withered, or blasted: which the ignorant have thought to be done by Magical Arts, or by some inchantment; especially, if he that doth strike the same *Mullen*, doth seem to mumble some words while he doth it. *Mizaldus*.

4. The hooves of the fore-feet of a Cow dried and made in fine pouder, increaseth milk in Nurses if they eat it in their pottage, or use it in their drink and being cast upon burning coals, the smoke

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thereof doth kill Mice, or at the leaſt doth drive them away. This *Mizaldus* writes of the experiment of a certain *Spaniard.*

5. *Aqua vitæ,* being outwardly applyed, doth help very much the Sinews and Muſcles and other parts of the body, tormented or pain'd of a cold cauſe, with heating, ſtrength, and ſwift penetration.

6. If one uſe to rub chapped or rough lips with the ſweat behind their ears, t'will make them fine, ſmooth, and well coloured. Proved.

7. When unfortunate Planets be in Angles, and the Sun or moon applies unto them corporally, or by oppoſition, it ſignifies that the party then born, will be either crook-backt, or will halt, or it ſignifies the deſtruction or loſs of ſome Members, eſpecially, if the *Moon* be with the *Dragons Tayle* in theſe ſigns, *Aries*, *Taurus*, *Cancer*, *Scorpius*: or *Capricornus*, or in the beginning, or end of the ſign *Jatromath Guat. Ryff.*

8. Earth-worms fryed with Gooſe-greace, then ſtrain'd, and a little thereof drop't warm into the deaf or Pained Ear, doth help the ſame: You muſt uſe it half a dozen times at the leaſt. This is true.

9. *Anthonius Benevinius,* an excellent Phyſitian, doth glory, That, he with the water wherein Smiths did quench their hot and burning Irons, giving the ſame often to drink, and with the eatting of Capers, did perfectly heal a Citizen of *Florence*, that had the grief and ſwelling of the ſpleen ſeven years.

10. Adders-tongue wrapt in Virgins wax, and put in the left Ear of any Horſe, it makes the Horſe to fall down to the ground as though he were dead

and

and when it is taken out of his Ear, it doth not only waken him, or raise him, but also it makes him more lively or quick. *Mizaldus* writes this of the report of an *Englishman.*

11. If a Water-Snake be tyed by the tayl with a cord, and hanged up, and a Vessel full of Water set under the said Snake, after a certain time, he will avoyd out of his mouth a stone, which stone being taken out of the Vessel, it drinks up all the Water: Let this stone be ty'd to the belly of them that have the Dropsie, and the Water will be exhausted, or drunk up; and it fully and wholly helps the Party that hath the said Dropsie. *Jacobus Hollerius.*

12. Ofe Thunder doth turn and change Wines marvelously; but if the Wines be then in Cellars, being paved and the Walls of stone, they take less harm than in boarded Cellars, therefore it is good, before such Tempest or Thunder, to lay a plate of Iron with Salt, or flint stones, upon the said Vessels of Wine, *Levinius Lemnius* by *Mizaldus* report.

13. They will have the Palsie, or be so that they cannot move themselves, or will be given to tremble in whose Nativities the *Moon* is an Angle with *Saturn*; *Saturn* then being under the beams of the *Sun* combust. Likewise if the fixt House, and the Lord thereof be unfortunate of *Saturn*, without the Aspect of a good Planet. *Jatromath. Guat., Riff.*

14. Make powder of unslackt Lyme, and mix it with black Soap, and anoint any Wen there-with, and the Wen will fall away; and when the root is come out, anoint it with Oyle of Balm, and it will heal it perfectly.

15. If you will make Wood of the colour of the

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Wood *Hebenus*, especially such as be hard, as Box and Pear-tree; and such like, do as followeth: lay the Wood you mean to colour in Allom water, so that it be covered with the same water, and let it rest so three days; then lay the said Wood against the Sun or the fire, that it may only wax warm: then seeth the same wood in common Oyle, wherein put as much of Vitriol Roman, and Brimstone, as a Hazel Nut; let it be dissolved, the longer you seeth it the blacker the wood will be, so that you keep a measure therein, and it will be fair and elegant. *Mizaldus* had this of an *Italian*, a professor of many experiments.

16. The juyce of Mullen-leaves (of some called Hedge-taper, and of some Longwort) put to any part that is bruised or that hath had a stroke, and the stamped leaves thereof, then put it upon the same, and tyed fast on with a cloth: If you let it ly so a whole day and a night unremoved, it will heal it finely, yea though it be a wound; but the sore must be first washt with white wine a little warmed, and the juyce and the leaves must be put to it, and you will marvel at the effect, *Mizaldus* had this of one that proved it.

17. If any Wood or Iron be deep in the flesh, and cannot well be gotten out, dip a tent in the juyce of Valerian, and put it into the wound or sore as deep as you can, and tye the herb Valerian stamped upon the same with some linnen cloth, that it removes not away; and by this means the Wood, Iron, or other thing whatsoever, will not only be drawn forth, but also the wound will be healed. *Mizaldus* writes it upon the report of an *Italian*. *Alixis* also affirms it.

18. A barren Vine will bear grapes, if you cast old and sowre Wine thereon; or if you bury the Lees of Wine at the roots thereof, but you must take heed that you cast not Soot that is swept from Chimnies, or Lime to the root of the said barren Vine, which with their burning heat kills the Vine, and makes the same to wither before his time. *Mizaldus.*

19. In the morning, if Salt be holden in the mouth under the tongue, until it melt or consume into water, and teeth being rubbed therewith, it will preserve the teeth safe and sound: it will keep them from rotting, and that they shall not be worm-eaten. Proved.

20. The teeth of a Boar new killed, are so hot, that if one then put them to hairs or bristles, they will burn them: which seems that the Boar is inflamed with fire against them that kill him, that he would be revenged on them with his tusks. *Zenophon* is the Author, and *Mizal.* the reporter thereof.

21. There is no presenter remedy to ease the torment of the Gout, both in the hands and in the feet then a young whelp, especially of one colour, if the same be put to the grief. *Levinus Lemnius.* But the Whelp ought to be cut out, or cloven into two parts thorow the midst of the back, and the one half with the inner-side hot, to be laid to the griev'd place: & this I know to be an excellent thing.

22. Many stinking things to drive away the contagious and pestiferous air, as *Castorum Galbanum, Sagaprenum*, Brimstone, (all which are to be had at the Apothecaries) the smoke of burned Leather, & of Horns, and especially the smell of Gunpowder.

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For (ſaith *Lemnius*) the whole City of *Torniac* being infected with the plague, the Rulers of the Tower and Caſtle there, cauſed their Guns to be laid and levelled at the City, charged with Gunpowder, without bullets or ſhot, and then morning and evening in the twi-light, they ſhot off the ſaid Peeces or Guns, ſo that through the ſtinking ſmell of the ſaid ſmoke, and the great and violent noiſe of the Guns, the infectious and contagious air was quite put away, and the City delivered from the Plague.

23. Common Azure is made as followeth, Take of Salt Armoniack, three ounces; of Verdigreaſe, ſix ounces; let them be made in pouder, and mix them with water of Tartar, ſo that it may be ſomething thick; then put the ſame into a glaſs, and let it be well ſtopped that no air may get forth, and let it be laid in very hot Horſ-dung for the ſpace of eight dayes: and then when you take it out, you ſhall find it an excellent Azure. *Mizaldus.*

24. It is to be marvelled at, That a Cock, or Cokrel, which doth not fear a Serpent, or a Dragon, is ſo afraid of the ſhadow of a Glead when he is flying, that ſuddenly he ſeeks a place of refuge, and hides himſelf, *Mizaldus.*

25. Any kind of Amber being ſodden in the greaſe of a Sow that gives ſuck to young Pigs, is not only thereby the clearer, but alſo much the better. *Mizaldus.*

26. If any carry about him the Seed of Sorrel, gathered by a Boy, being a virgin, his Sperm or Nature ſhall not go from him, neither ſleeping or waking: therefore it is ſaid to be good againſt any

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Pollution in the Night. *Gilbertus Anglicus.*

27. A certain Citizen of *Padua*, having *Cantharides*, that is to say *French Flies*, applied to one of his knees, did Piss above five ounces of blood: The like hapned to one, to whose great toe of the same foot the same was applyed. *Bartholomeus Monteganus*, a notable Phisitian affirms this: therefore *Cantharides* is perilous to be taken both inward and outward.

28. The leaf of the greater Bur, born or laid on the top of the Head, doth draw the Matrix upward: but laid under the sole of the Foot, it draweth downward, which is a notable and excellent Remedy against the Suffocations, falling and displacing of the Matrix. This *Mizaldus* writeth.

29. Ale sod till it be thick like a Salve, helps all Sores and Aches applyed thereto marvellously: a thing often proved.

30. All kind of Docks have this property, That what flesh or meat is sod therewith, tho they be never so old, hard, or tough, they will become tender and meet to be eaten: hereupon it comes that they were so used in the old time, so that thereby the meat was more sooner concoct & easier digested, and the wound more soluble. *Mizal.*

31. When the *Ascendant* and the *Moon* are both impedite, and their Lords or Signifiers safe, then the sickness is in the body, and not in the mind: and if the *ascendant* and the *Moon* be safe & their Lords or signifiers impedite or hindred, then the sickness is in the mind, and not in the Body, and if they be all impedite, then it signifies both sickness in the body, and grief of mind. Likewise if an infortunate

Planet

Planet behold the *aſcendant*, and not the *Moon*, then the diſeaſe or grief is in the mind, and not in the body: and if contrary, then the diſeaſe is in the body and not in the mind. But if an unfortunate Planet behold them both, then the diſeaſe and grief is in them both. *Jatromath. Guat. Riff.*

32. If one ſuſpect himſelf to be infected with the Pluriſie, let the party hold in his breath as long as he can; and then if he can let his breath go, without coughing, he hath not the Pluriſie: if not, he hath the Pluriſie, or is in danger thereof.

33. Whoſoever hath the Quartane Ague, ſhall not be troubled with the Falling ſickneſs: For if one have the Falling ſickneſs firſt, and after ſhall have the Quartane Age, the Falling-ſickneſs will leave him. *Hippocrates.*

34. One may colour Ivory, or any other Bones, with an excellent green colour, as followeth: Take ſtrong Water, called *Aqua Fortis*, wherein diſſolve as much Copper as the ſaid Water is able; then let the bones you would have coloured, lie in the ſame all night, and they will be like a Smaragdine colour, *Mizaldus.*

35. If Oyle be pour'd upon Wine, or any other Liquor, it makes that the ſame ſhall not wax muſty or be corrupted: for it excludes, or drives forth all air that may breed corruption, only with the outward air of the Oyl, as with a certain covering. Notwithſtanding, all ſtrips of Plants, whereon Oyl is poured or effuſed, do putrifie, as *Pliny* reports.

36. The coals of a Birch-tree made in powder, and put into a Wound or great Sore, healeth it perfectly without any other thing. It was credibly told me,

me; that the *Muscovites* use it much and esteem it greatly.

37. A *Robin-red-breast* finding the dead body of a Man or Woman, will cover the face of the same with Moss: and as some hold Opinion, he will cover also the whole body.

38. An *Italian*, through the oft smelling of an herb called Basil, had a Scorpian bred in his Brain, which did not only a long time grieve him, but also at the last killed him. *Jacobus Hollerius*, a learned Physitian, affirms it for truth. Take heed therefore ye smellers of Basil.

39. If a Navel-string of a Child, after it is cut, doth chance to touch ground before it be burned, the same Child will not be able to keep or hold his or her Water, neither night nor day: A thing very true and known.

40. A flea'd Mouse roasted, or made in pouder and drank at one time, doth perefectly help such as cannot hold or keep their Water, especially if it be used three days in this order; This is very true, and often proved.

41. It was credibly reported to me for a very truth, that a certain Inn-keeper in *Ware* died, which had a Dog that loved him so well, that certain days after he mourned, and sought for his said Master without eating of any thing: and when he could not find his said Master, he laid himself among the hot coals in a chimney; who though he was pulled out of the fire, yet he went in again and burned himself to death; a rare and strange thing as hath been heard of: I think it is hard to find a Sarvent so loving to his Lord, as this Dog was to his Master.

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42. As ſoon as the Child is born (eſpecially a Boy) there ought to be great heed taken in the cutting of the Navel-ſtring; for the Member of Generation doth follow the proportion of the Navel-ſtring: and if it be tyed too ſhort in a Wench, it may be a hindrance to her in bringing forth her Child. Therefore it is meet that Midwives have a great regard therein. This is gathered out of *Mathias Cornace*, an excellent Phyſician.

43. For the helping of the Cods or Stones that be ſwollen or pained: the ancient Learned did grave in a Plate of Copper, the figure of a Scorpion, in the hour of *Saturn*, the third face of *Aquary*, then aſcending or riſing with *Saturn*: and for the Gout, the ſeal of *Piſces*. And alſo for the helping or bettering of Memory, they made a Ring of pure Gold, wherein was cloſed a Diamond under the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Aries*. *Hermes*.

44. *Egidius Herthoge*, writes as a ſtrange marvel of a Woman, which carried a dead Child in her womb thirteen years, which was perceived of many that handled her belly; but he writes not what ſucceſs ſhe had therewith: for whilſt he wrote the ſame the Woman was well, and did her buſineſs with her Husband abroad, and alſo at home.

45. Betony drunk with Water or Wine, doth cauſe a Woman to be eaſily and ſpeedily delivered, yea, though the child be dead; or if it be turned contrary, to a right courſe: Alſo it brings forth the After-burthen: the like effect hath Penyroyal, as ſome affirm. And it hath been proved, as ſaith *Mizaldus*.

46. Pigeons do ſo love the Caſtrel, that if one

close young Castrels in a pot, and stop and cover the same close, and shall hang them in four corners of the Dove-house, it will procure such a love to the Pigeons of that place, that for the desire of them being inclosed in the said pots, they will never change that place, insomuch that they love the Castrels their friends, after their death. *Collumella* reports this, as *Mizaldus* affirms.

47. The Wort-leaf laid on the crown of the Head, draweth up the Uvula, or the flap in the throat. *M. Cato* by the report of *Mizaldus*.

48. If a piece of fine Gold, or leaves of pure Gold be put into the juice of Lemons, and taken out of it after it hath lain there a whole day, and the same Juyce then given to one that is sick of the Plague, with a little Wine, and the powder of the Root of *Angelica*, or of the Decoction of the same Root; it is a marvel to be told what help it brings them, yea, though they be past all hope, or thought of Recovery. This *Mizaldus* writes as proved.

49. If a man be the first that a woman meets after she comes out of the Church, when she is newly Churched, it signifies that her next Child will be a Boy: If she meet a woman, then a Wench is like to be her next Child. This was credibly reported to me to be true. But praise it as it proves.

50. A litte Bay-salt, stamped small, mixt with the Yolk of an Egg, and applied to a Fellon, and so used divers times, doth not only perfectly heal the same with speed; but also it draws out all the pain of the Arm, and ceases the swelling thereof, if any such be, by means of the same. This is perfectly proved.

51. Child

51. Children are not always like unto their Parents, as it may appear in *Helides*, which did beget a Daughter of an *Ethiopian*, which Daughter was not of the colour of her Mother; but after the said Daughter had a Son, which was black and like to his Grandmother. So *Niceus* the Poet did degenerate in his colour from his father and his Mother, and was like his Grandfather being an *Ethiopian*; which thing ought well to be considered of such that suspect their Wives when they bring forth Children unlike to either of them: for it happens many times that the Child is like to his Granfather, or Great-grand-father, and neither like the Father nor Mother. *Mizaldus.*

52. A Toad-stone, called *Crapandina*, touching any part benumb'd, hurt or stung with Rat, Spider, Wasp, or any other venomous Beasts, ceases the pain or swelling thereof. *Lamnius.*

53. The Juyce of Broom mixt with the Oyl of Radish or Mustard, is a very safe Remedy for the killing or destroying of Lice.

54. If a woman anoint often her Duggs or Paps with the juice of Succory, it will make them little, round, or hard; for if they be hanging or bagging, it will draw them together, whereby they shall seem as the Dugs of a Maid. *Mizaldus.*

55. If you shall enclose within a piece of thin silk, *Galbanum* made soft, and shall lay it to the mouth of the Matrix all night, (the head of that Woman having then no foul or stinking cloaths upon it, but only covered with a Caul, and a clean or thin Kercheif, without any kind of Odours) in the morning when the same are loosed from the Head

if the crown of her Head ſmell of *Galbanum*, it is a ſure token that the Woman is apt to have Children. *Hippocrates.*

56. If a ſtone called an *Hemetiſt*, wherein a man is graven with bended knees, girded about with a Serpent, holding the Serpents head in his right hand and his tail in his left hand, be ſet in a Gold Ring, with an herb called Dragons put under the ſaid ſtone, it doth make the bearer thereof ſafe from all Poyſon and Plague. *Hollerius* a notable Phyſician writes it.

57. The faſting ſpettle of a whole and ſound Perſon doth quite take away all Scurvineſs, Sawsflame, or Redneſs of the face, Ring-worms, Tetters, and all kind of Puſtules or Wheals, by ſmearing or rubbing the infected place therewith: And likewiſe it clean puts away thereby all painful ſwellings by the means of any venemous thing; as Hornets, Spiders, Toads, and ſuch like. *Mizaldus.*

58. New Cheeſe wrapt or folded in the dry leaves of Dragons, preſerves the ſame from being mouldy, or from putrifying. *Galen* and *Pliny.*

59. It is certainly and conſtantly affirmed, that on *Midſummer-Eve*, that is, the day before the Nativity of St. *John Baptiſt*, there is found under the Root of Mugwort a coal, which preſerves or keeps them ſafe from the Plague, Carbuncle, Lightning, the Quartan Ague, and from burning, that bears the ſame about them: And *Mizaldus* the Writer hereof, ſaith, that he doth hear that it is to be found the ſame day under the Root of Plantane; which I know to be of truth, for I have found them the ſame day under the Root of Plantane. Which is

eſpecially,

eſpecally, and chiefly to be found at Noon.

60. The droſs, or that which is left after the paſſing out of the Oyl of Linſeed, is marvelous profitable for the feeding of beaſts: And if you ſhall let a handful or two ſteep a while in Rain-Water, and therewith waſh your hands, it will not only mend the ſpots, or other deformity of the skin, but alſo you ſhall thereby perceive that the ſame and other Members, if they be likewiſe waſh'd therewith, will be made much fairer and more clean. *Mizaldus.*

61. All things that come out of the Earth, will ſwim upon Quickſilver, though they be heavy, except Gold; and Gold, though never ſo little, will ſink into it, and be ſwallowed thereof, and his colour will be turned into ſilver, which cannot be reduced into the form of Gold again, but with fire, nor cannot be gotten out: and the Quickſilver, through the fire, will be diſſolved into a ſmoak, with a perillous ſmell. *Mizaldus.*

62. Salt finely ſtamped and mixed with faſting-ſpettle, laid on a fillet (and applied certain times) to the place where ſurperfluous hair is, doth cauſe that hair will grow there no more. A thing certainly proved, Pigeons-dung doth work the like effect, applied in ſuch ſort.

63. *Aqua Vitæ*, mixt with White Sugar-candy, finely poudered, ſo that it be not too thick there-of but indifferent, and a ſpoonful thereof taken laſt at night, for the ſpace of three or four nights, doth preſently help the Cough and Hoarſneſs, and breaks the Flegm marvelouſly; this is a tryed thing. The like effect hath the Pouder of the Root of *Ennula-*

Campana,mixt with the powder of Liquoris, and of white Sugar-candy, if it be often uſed,and eaten a ſpoonful at one time; which I have often proved.

64. They are like to be Gowty, or to have the Sciatica,or pains in the Joynts, in whoſe Nativity *Saturn* or *Mars* is in the ſixth Houſe, or in the twelfth Houſe,infortunating the Lord of the ſixth Houſe; eſpecially if the ſign of the ſixth Houſe be *Capricorn*, *Aquary* or *Piſces*. Jatromath. Guat. Ryff.

65. Whoſoever have their feet ſmell ſtrongly, if they put the ſcales of Iron in their ſhoes wherein they uſe to go; it takes clean away the evil ſmell thereof. *George Fabricius.*

66. You ſhall ſtay the bleeding of the Noſe, if you write with the ſame blood in the fore-head of the Party that bleeds,theſe words following, *Conſummatum eſt.* A thing proved with many. *Mizald.*

67. If Boys or Young-men do uſe Milk and Exerciſe from the Cradle, they are thereby more high or tall of body, and of more comely and beautiful ſtature. *Mizaldus.*

68. The pouder of the Tooth of a Boar mix'd with the Oyl of Linſeed, doth preſently cure the *Squinancy*, (which is a pain or ſwelling in the throat) if the grieved place be touched with the end of a feather or Pen, ſmeared with the ſame mixture. *Mizaldus.*

69. The outward part of the Nettle, doth ſting, prickle,or burn; but the inward part (being the Juyce) anointed on the Arteries,doth mitigate and amend the Feaverly heat of the Heart. *Aviſcena & Arnold de Villa nova*

70. If

70. If the corners of the Eyes be anointed with an Oyntment of Saffron, if after the ſpettle doth ſavor thereof, the Party is not barren, but is apt to have Children. *Pliny.*

71. A Medicine made of a little Hony and of a Coal made of a Vine, which never bare Grapes, if the Teeth be often rubbed therewith, doth ſo cleanſe them and make them ſo white, that they will be judged to be of Ivory.

72. The blood of a white Hen, ſmeared on a freckled or ſpotted face, and thereon ſuffered to dry, and afterward wiped away, clearly takes away all ſpots from the ſame. *Mizaldus* had this of a certain *Italian.*

73. *Cantharides* wrapt in a Spiders-web, and hanged over one that had the Quartain Ague; it is ſaid it Cures or delivers him, or her, thereof perfectly. *Mizaldus.*

74. The Decoction of Holliock, with Honey and Butter, being drunk, doth marvellouſly eaſe the pain of the Collick, and of the Back. I have proved this to be very excellent and true.

75. A Plaiſter made of the pouder of burned Swallows, and of their Neſt, doth help effectually the ſwelling of the Throat, or Squinancy.

76. If the Pizel of a Bull that is all Red, be made in pouder, and a dram thereof (that is the weight of ſeventy two barley-corns) be given to a Woman in a draught of Wine, it will make her loath to have to do with a Man (as *Baſis* writes.) And the ſame Pouder given in meet Medicines to a Man, doth contrary, ſtir and make him luſt therein. *Marcellus Empericus.*

77. If Dogs chance to find a Cats-skin, they will rub and roul themselves upon it; and they will do so likewise where it is buried; they delight so much of the thing dead, which they hated alive. *Cardanus.*

78. You shall know good and pure Azure, from sophisticate and naughty Azure, if some of it be laid upon a hot burning Iron, and if then it will not be burned, neither any little stone is found therein, then it is pure and perfect. *Mizaldus* had this out of an old written book.

79. The white of and Egg well and long beaten, mixt with quick Lime, will joyn surely broken Glasses, and broken Earthen Cups, and will make them hold fast and surely together. But it would be the better if a little of very old Cheese be well mixt therewith: this is very true, and proved.

80. Plantane is judged by *Hermes*, to be the herb of *Mars*, and therefore good against the Diseases and Pains of the Head, because that the sign of *Aries*, which is one of the House of *Mars*, doth govern the Head. And also Plantane is very good against the grief and diseases of the Stone and the Ulcers of the Bladder; and also *Gonorrhea passio*, and Hemorrhoids, because *Scorpio* the other House of *Mars*, doth rule that part of the body. Like Judgments may be had of other Herbs of the Planet. *Mizaldus.*

81. If the right knee of a Bull be very strait tied, he cannot Bull a Cow, although before his eyes, she allure him thereto with her Mouing. *Mizald.*

82. If a maried man be let or hindered, through Inchantment, Sorcery, or Witchcraft, from the act

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of Generation, let him make Water through his Marriage Ring, and he ſhall be looſed from the ſame, and their doings, ſhall have no futher power in him, *Guil. Varignana*, and *Arnaldus de villa nova* affirms the ſame.

83. Whoſo uſe to rub their fingers between their toes of their feet, when they go to bed, eſpecially when they ſmell moſt, and then to ſmell the ſame at their Noſe; it is a perfect remedy to put away the Cramp; this was affirm'd to me as a try'd thing.

84. A Candle burning, holden or put to a houſe or place, wherein a piece of Salt-peter is put, the ſaid Candle will ſuddenly be blown out. And the ſame Candle, immediately put to another place, wherein is Brimſtone, will be light and burn again to the great Marvel of them that ſtand by, if they be ignorant of the ſecret. *Mizaldus.* But the ſnuff of the candle muſt not be clean out.

85. That Writings ſhall not burn in the fire, take very ſtrong Vinegar, and the Whites of Eggs, and put them together, and put thereto Quickſilver, mixing and ſtirring the Quickſilver well therein, and with the ſame mixture, anoint Paper three times, and after every time dry the ſame well; and after that, write what you liſt upon the ſame Paper, and then caſt the ſame writing into the fire, it will not burn. This *Mizald.* had out of an old book.

86. Cut or break a white-loaf in the midſt, when it comes hot out of the Oven, and lay it to the Ear of ſuch as have any quick thing in their Head, and it will bring it out, ſhifting it ſtill with hot bread, until all the quick things be come forth. This is proved to be true.

87. The

87. The little bone in the knee joynt of the hinder-leg of an Hare doth presently help the cramp, if you touch the grieved place therewith. Often proved.

88. A little peice of the Tongue of a Fox, being moistened and made soft in Vinegar, (if it be dry) draweth out a Thorn or any other thing deep in the flesh, if it be laid upon the place where it is. It is an excellent and true thing.

89. When the sign of the sixth House is in *Libra*, and *Mars* in the same House, it signifies Grief and pain of the Eyes. *Jatromath. Guat. Ryff.*

90. *Julius Viator*, a Knight of *Rome*, (*Pliny* being the Author) who in his Childhood had the Dropsie, therefore then forbidden of the Physicians to use moist things, did so overcome nature through continuance or long use, that all the time of his life after, he lived without drinking any thing.

91. The three cornered-stone of a Carp, which is to be found in the hinder part of the Head, nigh unto the neck, beaten small, and blown into the Nose, doth stay the bleeding of the Nose, by his binding faculty: which may be perceived by the tasting thereof. This hath been proved, and I know it to be true. *Mizaldus.*

92. The Head of a Cat that is all black, burned in a new pot, and fine ashes or pouder made thereof, add some of the same thrice every day blown out of a quill into the Eye that hath either Web or Pear, or any other evil or grief in the same, is a most excellent help and remedy thereof. But if the Party feel any burning in his or her Eye (especially in the night) let three or four Oaken leaves

steeped

ſteeped or moiſtned in water be laid together upon the ſore or grieved Eye, and let the ſame be after-ward turned, and laid on again. The Author of this ſecret, ſaid, That the ſight is reſtored with this Remedy, after a whole years blindneſs. This was told to *Mizaldus.*

93. Here follows an excellent Remedy for all Wounds, and eaſie to be made: Take Greek Pitch, Brimſtone, and white Olibanum, which is a kind of Frankincenſe, of all a like quantity: let them be ſtamped and mixt with the Whites of Eggs, then (the wound being firſt waſhed and the lips thereof well joyned together) lay the ſame mixture on a linnen cloth, and apply it to the Wound, and tye the ſame faſt on with cloathes, or broad bands; and let it lie ſo certain dayes unremoved: Proved, ſaith *Mizaldus.*

94. White Lillies will wax red, as *Florentinus* hath taught, if warily & diligently you open the clefts of the Roots, & fill the ſame with any red colour; & ſo then ſet the ſame in a fat dunged earth. *Mizald.*

95. Women that uſe to lye and ſleep on their right ſide, ſeldome or never bring forth any wenches. *Raſis* writes this.

96. Whoſoever is anointed for the *Neapolitane* Diſeaſe (commonly called the *French Pox*) if he hold in his mouth a Ring of Gold, or elſe another piece of Gold, and rouls the ſame about his mouth with his tongue, the Quick ſilver that is in his body by the means of the Oyntment, is drawn of the ſaid Gold. and is ſo wrapt about the ſaid Ring or Gold, that when it is taken out of his mouth, it

ſhall

ſhall ſeem as though it were all ſilver. And the ſame Ring or other Gold, will not be reſtored to his former brightneſs or colour, except it be put into the fire. *Lemnius.*

97. Snails without their ſhells, or otherwiſe with their ſhells ſtamped and mixed ſometime with Cheſlep or Rennet, do draw out thorns, or any other thing out of the fleſh, though never ſo deep, if they be applied to the place. And alſo being laid to the belly of them that have the Dropſie, they ſuck out the water. But the ſame muſt not be looſed from the belly, until all the humours or water be ſweat forth, or elſe the ſame Plaiſter of Snails doth fall away of it's ſelf. *Jacob Hollerius.*

The end of the firſt Book.

The Second Book.

1.

WHen the *Moon* is in Conjunction with the *Sun*, or in any evil Aſpect with him, and in an Angle, and beholden of evil Planets with an evil Aſpect, in any bodies Nativity, It ſignifies that the Child then born, ſhall have inſeparable diſeaſes, or griefs in the Eyes. *Jatromath. Gualt. H. Ryff. Argent.*

2. It is manifeſt by experience, that the ſeventh Male Child, by juſt order (never a Girl or Wench being born between) doth heal only with touching (through a natural gift) the Kings-Evil; which is a ſpeci-

pecial gift of God, given to Kings or Queens, as
aily experience doth witneſs.

3. *Eraſtratus*, a Phyſitian, did perceive by the
eeling of the Pulſe, that *Antiochus* the Son of King
ileucus, did ſo pine for the love of *Stratonices* his
Mother-in law, that unleſs he might have his deſire,
with the good will and pardon of his Father, he
would die. Theſe are the Authors thereof, *Valerius*
Maximus and *Galenus*. Which alſo by the like, did
now that *Juſta*, the Wife of *Boetus*, a Counſellor
f *Rome*, did languiſh for the love of one *Pilas* dan-
ing in the Theatre. *Mizaldus*.

4. Celendine with the heart of a Want or a Mould-
warp, laid under the head of one that is grievouſly
ick, if he be in danger of death, immediately he will
ry with a loud voice, or ſing; if not, he will weep.
Mizaldus.

5. The Juice of Henbane, mixt with the blood
f an Hare, and ſod within the skin of an Hare,
t is ſaid that all the Hares will gather together,
which be within that Trace where it is buried. As
he Matrix of a Britch will gather Dogs together.
his was affirmed for truth to *Mizaldus*.

6. Many Women with Child, of the ſudden, or
nlooked for, meeting, or ſudden ſeeing of an Hare,
r for the deſire or longing to eat of the ſame, do
ring forth Children with a cloven upper-lip, and
orked-Wiſe, called an Hare-lip. Daily experience
onfirms it. *Mizaldus*.

7. That Diſeaſe or Sickneſs will be great, which
akes one when the *Moon* is in that Sign, wherein an
evil Planet was in the time of his birth, either in a
Quartile or Oppoſite Aſpect: And if an evil Planet

doth

doth then behold her, it will be very perilous. But then if the *Moon* be in a place where a good Planet was in the time of the Birth, that Sickneſs will be without danger. *Hermes*, *Triſmegiſtus*, *Ptolomeus*, and *Claudius Galenus*. Authors.

8. An Egg laid in ſtrong Vinegar three dayes, or a little longer: it makes the ſhell thereof ſo tender and ſoft, that one may draw it through a Ring. Caſt the ſame into warm water, and let it lye therein, and it will be hard again. *Mizaldus*.

9. A Flint-ſtone lying in Vinegar the ſpace of ſeven days; may be diſſolved into powder by rubbing between the fingers. Therefore it is no marvel though *Hannibal* did diſſolve the ſtones of the Alpes with Vinegar. *Mizaldus*.

10. Water wherein the leaves and ſeeds of Hemp is ſodden; being caſt or ſprinkled on the Earth, will make the worms to come out of the ground if any be there. *Mizaldus*.

11. Take the Oyle of Tartar, made of the Lees of excellent Wine, it doth take the ſpots from Iron, the Iron being cleanſed from all ruſtineſs, and doth make it an excellent brightneſs, if the Iron be rubbed therewith. *Mizaldus*.

12. The Root of Henbane ſtamped, and applyed warm to the pain of the Gout of the Feet, or *Sciatica*. It is ſaid that it helps marvellouſly, becauſe the Herb belongs to *Jupiter*, which is only Lord of *Sagitary*, which governs the Huckle-bone. And of *Piſces*, which challengeth the Feet. *Mizaldus* had this out of an old Book of Secrets.

13. If ſome drops of *Aqua Vitæ* be mixt with writing Ink, the ſame will never freez. Proved.

14. Who-

14. Whosever is apt to any thing, hath certainly that Star or Planet (by whom that thing is signified) very strong in his Birth. *Mizaldus.* As thus for example (I may say by the way.) He that is apt to Martial Feats, or Warlike Affairs, hath undoubtedly *Mars* strong in his birth. And whosoever is apt or inclined to Painting, Drawing, Writing, Ciphering, or to the Science of Arithmetick, or to any witty or notable Inventions, without all doubt, hath *Mercury* very strong in his birth, which by dayly proof is infallible. And so you may know of the rest.

15. The Wood of a Sycamore-tree, is never dry in the Air, or high ground; and in the banks of Rivers, and where waters run over, it dryes very quickly. *Mizaldus.*

16. The soles of the Feet anointed with the fat of the Dormouse, doth procure sleep, as *Actius* doth say.

17. They will have pains in the Stomach, or be weak Stomach'd, in whose Nativities *Mars* and *Saturn* are in the sixth house: or in the twelfth House infortunating the *Moon*, or the Lord of the *Ascendant*; especially if the sign of the sixth house be *Cancer*. *Jatromath. Guat. Ryff.*

18. This following is an excellent Remedy for them that be broken-bellyed, or burstен: Take nine red Snails, and put them between two Tile-stone, so that they slide not away, and dry them in an Oven, so that you make them in pouder: then give to the diseased the pouder of one of them, in white-Wine every other day, in the morning, till all be done, which will be in eighteen dayes. The Party must

must take it fasting, and neither eat nor drink of two hours after. And if the disease be so long rooted, that these nine times will not suffice, then begin immediately again with other nine Snails, and do as before is declared in all points. I had this out of an old book wherein was many Secrets, as I heard one affirm them to be true and tryed things.

19. Hempseed given to Hens in Winter, will make them lay Eggs apace. *Cardanus.*

20. The Oyl of Tartar, doth take clean away all spots, freckles, and filthy wheals of the face, chin, or forehead, with his cleansing strength. This is proved.

21. When thou wilt drive away Flies from any place, that there shall none be seen there again, make the Image of a Fly in a plate of Brass, Copper, or Tin, the second face of *Pisces*, then ascending. And whilst you are making and graving of them, say, *This is the Image which doth clean rid all Flies for ever.* Then bury the same in the midst of the house, or hang it in any place of the house (but if thou hast four such plates, and bury or hang them in four corners of the house, or hide them within the Walls, that no body take them away, it were far better.) But this laying of them must be when the first face of *Taurus* doth ascend. And so no Fly will come in there, nor tarry there. *Ptolomy* saith, that he saw the tryal hereof in the House of King *Adobarus*, who was very wise, and was marvelious expert in Natural Magick, in whose Palace or Place, there was neither Fly, nor any other hurting Worm. And that I might search it out, saith he, I brought in thither live Flies, which presently died. *Mizaldus.*

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22. Six or ſeven whites of eggs put into troubled or thick Wine, and the ſame being well mov'd and ſtirred with a ſtick, makes the Wine fair and clear.

23. If a Rat, Mouſe or Weaſel, or any other thing, ſuddenly leap or fall on the body of a Woman with child; or elſe any Cherries, or a cluſter of Grapes, or other thing whatſoever, chance to fall or hit any part of her body; by and by, it haps that the child is mark'd with ſome ſpecial note or mark on that part whereon they did fall or hit, except happily the Woman (on whoſe body the ſame did chance) wipe with her hand ſuddenly, the part or member therewith toucht, and lay her ſaid hand on ſome other part further off. *Lemnius.* There are few Women but know this to be true, and many have found it too true. As two or three ſtrange examples in this book do ſhew moſt wonderfully.

24. Burning water, call'd *Aqua vitæ*, is of a marvellous force, in preſerving of things, and keeping them from putrifying. For fleſh or meats whatſoever moiſtned therewith, will be ſafe from corruption and worms.

25. If young beaſts eat of the leaves of an Ivy-tree, they die: but if they that chew the Cud, do eat thereof, they feel no harm. This is the opinion of *Theophraſtus.* But *Pliny* doth aſcribe it to the Aſh-tree. But the likelihood and nearneſs of the words might deceive him. For the Aſh-tree in the Greek Tongue is *Milean*, and the Ivy-tree is *Millon. Mizaldus.*

26. A Gentleman in *Glouceſterſhire*, having a Spaniel, which ſcraping a hole in the ground where a great deal of Money was; he brought ſome in his

mouth to his Maſter; and when he had taken it from him, the Dog took hold of his Maſters cloaths, and led him to the place, where the Gentleman found a great quantity of Gold, whereby he became very Rich, and bore a great Affection to his Dog always after: But his Dog died, and he was reſolved to give him Burial, and ſo had him wound in a Sheet, and put into a Coffin, and invited the Parſon, Clark, and moſt of the Pariſh (telling them that it was one of his Servants.) The Parſon buried him, But afterwards hearing that it was a Dog, came to the Gentleman, and threatned to have him into the Spiritual Court, for making him give Chriſtian burial to a Dog: The Gentleman ſaid, *Why, his Dog had made his Will before he died, and bequeathed him Ten pounds, and the Clerk Forty ſhillings: Oh* (ſaid the Parſon) *if I had known that, I would have Preached him a Funeral Sermon.*

27. Whoſoever will preſerve Cheſnuts, and keep them ſafe and ſound, let them lay, and mix them with Walnuts; for they will drink up and conſume ſuch humours whereby they corrupt; and they will not ſuffer them to wax mouldy. *Mizald.*

28. Knot-graſs is thought to be the herb of the *Sun*, whereupon it helps greatly all the Diſeaſes of the Heart, and the mouth of the Stomach; whereof *Leo* the Lion is governour, which is the Houſe of the *Sun*; and it is very good againſt the great griefs of the back, the Stone, and the Cholick, by drinking of it, or by injection; It was affirmed to *Mizaldus*, that it was found true by experience.

29. An Herb called Hound-ſtone, joyned with the Matrix of a Bitch, being ſo ty'd to the neck of a Dog,

Dog, that he cannot get it away; you shall see him turn about so long, that he will fall down and seem to be half dead. *Albert.*

30. When the *Schythians* were constrained to sustain hunger for any certain matter, or urgent cause they girded in their bellies with broad bands, that no emptiness left in their belly or guts, their hunger might the less grieve them; for through the hard binding in of the belly, hunger is the more tolerable: Whereupon it is seen, that they that eat much, do loose or unbutton their doublets, and loose their garters. *Phavorinus.*

31. The Elephant seeing a Ram, is by and by tame, and leaves his fierceness; with which Policy the *Romans* caused the Elephants of King *Pyhrrus* to return and go backward: and so the *Romans* obtained a worthy Victory. *Mizaldus.*

32. The Paring of an Apple, cut something thick the inside whereof laid to hot burning or running Eyes, at night, when the Party goes to bed, and tyed or bound to the same, doth help the same very speedily and contrary to expectation: An excellent Secret.

33. A certain Priest, having a loving Dog, was killed for his Money, and thrown among bushes or some other prive place; which Dog so mourned for his said Master, that he would not depart from him, but howled, so that the dead body was found; which dead body was brought afore certain men to be viewed, to which plate divers people resorted. Amongst whom the murtherer must needs shew himself (lamenting out wardly the matter, with the rest of the standers by, as though he had been as

guiltleſs as the reſt) whom, when the ſaid Dog perceiv'd, he bark'd, and did run at him fiercely, and by no means would leave his barking, howling, and running at him, and following after him, and none other, ſhewing (in his manner) that that was he that kill'd his Maſter. Whereupon being ſuſpected, he was examined, and forthwith confeſſed his wicked fact, and therefore was executed. St. *Auſtine* affirms this, as I do remember.

34. If both the Lights (that is to ſay) the *Sun* and the *Moon*, be in the ſixth houſe infortunate, they that be then born without doubt will be blind. And if but one of them be there, and infortunate, then the Child will be blind but of one eye. And likewiſe it will be, if either of the ſaid Lights be Lord of the ſixth houſe infortunate. And univerſally, their Eyes cannot eſcape great hurt, in whoſe Nativity the ſaid Lights are impedite. *Jatromath.*

35. This following will preſently eaſe the pains of the Gout, Fry out of the greaſe of Shoomakers-patches, or pieces of Leather; and lay ſome of it upon brown paper, warming it a little at the fire; then apply the ſame to the grief, and it will take away the pains in one night: I had this of them that have proved it often to be true.

36. If Sheep chance to eat of a herb call'd Knotgraſs, it will make their bellies ſwell: and they will avoid out of their Mouths a thin ſtinking froath; therefore they muſt be let blood under the Tayl next to the Buttock. *Collumella.*

37. There is many do things in their ſleep, that they that be awake uſe to do; for they will walk about the Houſe and Chamber, and will go to other

other folks beds, and dare do any thing without fear; whereof there are many daily examples. But one among all the reſt, which was credibly told me, was marvellous ſtrange, & almoſt incredible: which was, that two men lying in bed together, the one of them being faſt aſleep, took the keys and unlock'd the doors, and the gate of the houſe, and ſo took his Bow and Arrows, and went to a wood or chaſe about a mile from thence, and killed a Buck or a Doe, and then did cover or hide the ſame in the Wood, and then came home again, unlocking and locking the gates and doors again, and laid the keys where he had them, and ſo went to bed. The other man that lay with him, being awake, followed him and did ſee all that he did: but he would not go to bed, but ſtaid awhile in another place to ſee the end thereof; and as ſoon as the other was in bed, he took his dagger, ſtabbing & thruſting therewith in the bed where the other man did lye, and by and by after awaking, ſaid, Alaſs, what have I done, I have killed him? The other anſwer'd, Nay, I am not kill'd yet, thanks be to God. Then ſaid he, for I was a dream'd that I kill'd a Buck in ſuch a place, and that thou didſt ſee me where I did kill him, & hide him; and thinking thou wouldſt betray me, I thought to kill thee: but I am glad, ſaid he, that it was but a dream. Then the other ſaid, If it were a dream, thy dream is then true; for thou haſt perform'd all thy dream, except the killing of me; which he would not believe until the next day: then he that lay with him, carry'd him to the place where he himſelf ſaid he had hid the Buck: where indeed they found the Buck, kill'd as before told

in his dream. A marvellous matter, if it were true.

38. They will have pains or diſeaſes in their Liver, in whoſe Nativity *Jupiter* is Lord of the ſixth houſe, being evil aſpected of an infortunate Planet *Jatromath.*

39. If ſhell Snails be roaſted, and dryed at the fire, or in an Oven, and made into pouder, and a ſpoonful thereof drunk in ale at one time, and ſo taken nine or ten dayes together, it doth perfectly help and cure the black Jaundies. Proved.

40. If you ſtamp Earth-worms, and then ſtrain them thorow a cloth, then put of the ſame as much of the Oyl of Radiſh-roots and between the beating or framing of Swords, or Knives or Daggers, when they be hot, you do quench them twice or thrice therein, the ſame ſhall cut iron after, as though it were Lead. This *Mizaldus* had of a Phyſician that was cunning in that Art.

41. Stinking and corrupt wine will be marvelloufly mended, if according to the bigneſs of the veſſel, a ſufficient quantity of clean wheat in a bag, be hanged in the ſaid veſſel, and after be taken out of the ſame. For whatſoever is unclean or naught the wine will be made pure and clear. *Piſtorius.*

42. The uttermoſt or laſt joynt of the tayl of a young whelp, after he is forty dayes old, being writhen off; the ſame Dog will never be mad. Beſides that his tayl will be thereby of a comely length. *Mizaldus.*

43. If you bore holes in Bay-berryes, and put into every hole the ſeeds of Artichokes, and wrap them with dung, and ſo put them into the Earth, thou ſhalt have ſo ſweet and pleaſant ſmelling Artichokes,

Artichokes, that nothing can be of a more ſweet and pleaſant ſmell. *Varro.* The ſame will happen, if you do ſteep ſeeds three days in ſweet ſmelling water. *Mizaldus.*

44. Butter, *Aqua vitæ*, and Beaſts Gall, of each alike quantity mixt together; and an Ach or Stitch anointed therewith ſomething hot every morning and evening, for ſeven or eight days, doth perfectly help the ſame. Proved.

45. *Galen* ſaith, That he knew certain men in his time, that gave the pouder of Men's bones burned, to them that had the Falling-ſickneſs; they not knowing of it, leſt their minds ſhould ſtand againſt the Medicine, and many was cured with the ſame. *Geſnerus* hath proved it with the Scull.

46. If the little Nerve under a Whelps tongue (commonly called the greedy-worm) be taken away, keeps the ſame ſafe after from being mad, and he will not be given ſo much to barking after: and ſo it is thought they will not be given to greedineſs after.

47. If you prick the head of a Leek with a Reed or a ſtick ſharped, and put within the ſame the ſeeds of Rape, or of Cucumbers, the ſaid Leeks head will ſo ſmell, that it will ſeem monſtrous.

48. *Ætites* (called the Eagles-ſtone) tyed to the Left arm or ſide; it brings this benefit to Women with Child, that they ſhall not be delivered before their time: beſides that, it brings love between the Man and the Wife: And if a woman have a painful Travel in the birth of her Child, this ſtone tyed to her thigh, brings an eaſie and light birth: but you muſt take it away quickly after the Birth.

The ſame Stone, as the *Caldeans* report, if it be mixt with Meats unvenomed, it forbids or lets that the ſame Meats be ſwallowed down. *Evax & Alb.*

49. The People of *Aſtamores* (as *Pliny* reports,) have no mouth; and are clad with a woolly moſs growing in *India*, and live only with ſmelling of odours at their Noſe, of Roots and flowers, and Apples that grow in the Woods; which they carry with them in their long Journies, to ſuſtain and nouriſh them withal, leſt they ſhould want thereof to ſmell.

50. The pouder of Stone-pitch, drank in ſmall drink once every day, for the ſpace of four or five days; it is a very good Remedy for them that are Bruiſed through falling, or otherways.

51. When the *Sun* is in the day time, and the *Moon* in the night, in a Nativity, and is corporally conjunct with any evil Planet; the Chid that is then born will be blind. And if this be in an Angle, or if the Lord of the Aſcendent be with them, then they will be blind in their youth. And if the ſaid *Cum* ſo infortunate be not in an Angle, nor with the Lord of the Aſcendent, then they will be blind in their age. *Jatromath. Gualt Ryff.*

52. Three Nails made in the vigil of the Nativity of St. *John Baptiſt*, called Midſummer-Eve, and driven in ſo deep that they cannnot be ſeen, in the place where the Party do fall that hath the Falling ſickneſs, and naming the ſaid Partie's Name while it is doing, doth drive away the Diſeaſe quite. Which *Mizaldus* writes from the report of one that proved it.

53. If you will preſently turn Wine into Vine-

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gar, cast therein Salt and Pepper, mixt with sowre leaven, and it will perform it quickly. *Mizald.*

54. The Root of Vervain hanged at the Neck of such as have the King's Evil, it brings a marvellous and unexpected help. It is an Herb of *Venus*, and hath power of the Neck, because of *Taurus* the *Bull*, being her House. *Mizaldus.*

55. Whosoever falls sick in that year wherein there is an Eclipse, and the Significers of the said Eclipse be in the Ascendent of the Nativity of him that so falls sick, or in the Ascendent of his Revolution, or in the place of his Hilech, or of the Significer of his life; that Disease then taken, will be very perilous and deadly. *Mizaldus.*

55. Geese, Ducks, and other Water-Fowls, help their diseases with wall Sage; Hens with Wine; Geese with Haritch, the Cranes with Squinant, the Panther with Man's-dung, the Bear with Ivy: the Hart with Artichokes: the Dogs with Grass. Also *Pliny* saith, that the smell of the Crabs will kill Bees, especially, if that one doth seeth them nigh unto their Hives: for they abhor stinking smells: therefore they follow them fiercely that smell of stinking smells.

56. Children eat Raisons raisling, that have Worms (without any other meat) it will kill and avoid the Worms: For as bitter things are noysom unto them, even so are sweet things, it makes them to swell, and burst.

57. If the tender horns of young Bucks, that are covered with a thin hairy skin, be cut in pieces, and then put into a new Pot well covered, and set in an Oven (or other place that is hot) whereby the same

same may be made into pouder, and some of the same given with Pepper and Myrrh, to them that are tormented with the Cholick, in good Wine: it will help them marvellously of the same Disease. *Scribonius Largus.*

58. Pellitory of the Wall stamped, and so laid to the Cods, and under the Navel, and so used four or five times, helps the Cholick and pains of the Bladder and Cods. A thing often proved.

59. It is said that *Alphonsus*, King of *Castile*, gave to certain *Mathematicians*, an hundred thousand pieces of Gold, which were called or sent for out of *Araby*, *Affrick*, or other places, for the making and framing of the *Astronomical Tables* (which shews the continual course and place of the Stars and Planets) which work is to be had every where through his great liberality, to his perpetual praise.

60. *Galbanum* made softer, and spread upon a linnen cloth, and so applyed and laid upon a Plague sore; if the Disease be curable, it will so stick and cleave to the same, that it cannot b pluck'd away, unless it bring away the root of the Sore with it. But if the Disease be incurable, it will not cleave. *Arnold. de villa nova.*

61. If any will make their hands white, let them mix the dung of Sparrows in warm water, and wash them therewith; or let them seeth the Roots of Nettles in that water, and therewith wash their hands.

62. *Elianus* writes, that the Quills or Pens of an Eagle, mixt with the Quills or Pens of other Fowls or Birds, doth consume or waste them with their odour, smell, or air.

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63. The roots of Lillies ſodden in water, doth take away the redneſs of the Face. If certain mornings and evenings the ſame be waſht and rubbed therewith, this hath been often proved.

64. Beaſts that be ſtubborn and wild, and alſo Horſes that will wince or kick, or otherwiſe be unruly, will not ſuffer themſelves to be dreſt, or to be ſhod, if you put into one of their ears a little round Flint-ſtone, and then hold the ear hard with your hand, and it will make them quiet tho they be fierce. But if you put into either ear one, you ſhall have them as mild as a Sheep. *Mizaldus* had this as proved.

65. Any Stones will eaſily be made ſoft, if you lay them all night in the blood of an Ox, the fat of a Weather, and ſtrong vinegar mixt together. *Johan. Baptiſta porta, de Magia Naturali.* As *Mizaldus* writes.

66. Apples that are frozen, if they be put or caſt into cold water, and ſuffered to lye therein awhile will come to nature again; for thereby, all their frozen congealing will be diſſolved. *Lemnius.*

67. When you ſee the Mulberry-tree begin to bud, then think that the chief cold is paſt. *Plinius*, as *Mizaldus* affirms.

68. To ſeparate Gold from Silver, do thus: Anoint the Silver that is gilded with the Oyl of Linſeed, and ſprinkle thereon the powder of Roch Allum, and ſalt Armoniack mixt together, which being well heated in the Fire, and quenched in water, the ſeparated Gold will remain therein. *Mizaldus* had this of a cunning Goldſmith.

69. A green Juſpar Stone, hang'd at the neck, doth

doth help ſtrengthen the ſtomach and the mouth of the ſtomach very well. Which *Galen* affirms by the report of *Mizaldus*. If they be hanged like a chain about the Neck, ſo that the ſame ſtones do touch the mouth of the ſtomach.

70. If the head of a Wolf be hanged in a Dove-Houſe, neither Cats, Weſels, nor any thing that will hurt Pigeons, will enter therein. *Rhaſis & Albertus.*

71. They are like to have pains or diſeaſes in the Lights or Lungs, or will have the Phtiſick, or ſhort breathed, that have in their Nativity the *Moon* in the Angle of the Earth (which is the fourth houſe) in conjunction with *Mars* or *Saturn*, or is infortunate by them. And likewiſe if *Venus* be the Lady of the ſixth houſe, and infortunate in a fiery ſign. *Jatromath. Gualt. Ryff.*

72. If you ſtamp Hariſſe a little, and lay it in fair ſpring-water for the ſpace of 24 hours, and then waſh any ſore or ſcabby place therewith, it will heal it wonder fully. This is proved true.

73. A precious and prov'd Medicine for the Stone: Seeth in white Wine, Tyme and Parſley very well, then ſtrain it; and into a good draught thereof, have a ſpoonful of white Soap, and give it to them that are grieved with the Stone, and it will cauſe them to make water with ſpeed.

74. The great number of Spiders do foreſhew that the Summer following will be Peſtiferous and Plaguy. *Mizaldus.*

75. There were ſeen two Brethren at one Birth in *Auſtria*, that if they did ſet the ſides of their Bodies towards Gates or Doors that were lock'd, the Locks would then open.

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76. *Cardius Benedictus* ſtamped, and then well ſodden with Sewet, or Swees Greaſe, Wine, and Wheat Flower, until it be like an Oyntment, is an excellent Medicine for Sores and Ulcers whatſoever. Yea, though the bones therewith be bare, but you muſt anoint the Sores twice every day, waſhing firſt the corruption from the Sore with white Wine. *Arnoldus.*

78. Saint *Auſtin* reports, that he did hear, whilſt he travelled in *Italy*, that certain women were tranſformed into young Beaſts (by certain Travellers) by eating of Cheeſe, that they might carry their burthens.

79. Take one handful of Mugwort, and ſeeth it in ſweet Oyl-Olive, until the third part of the Oyl be conſumed; then anoint therewith any part that is tormented or pained with the Gout, and the pain thereof will be quickly gone or put away. This is an experiment of a King's Surgeon, againſt the Gout of the Feet and Hands. *Mizaldus.*

80. It is found by obſervation, That Rats and Dormiſe, will forſake old and ruinous houſes, three Months before they fall; for they perceive, by an inſtinct of nature, that the joynts and faſtning together of the Poſts and Timber of the Houſes, by little and little will be looſed, ſo that it will fall to the ground. *Plinius & Lemnius.*

81. If one bleed on the right ſide of the Noſe, bow and preſs hard the parties right little finger that bleeds: If on the left ſide, then the little finger in like caſe, for therewith the bleeding will ceaſe. This is a common and proved Remedy. *Mizaldus.*

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82. If you give half a ſcruple (which is the weight of twelve barley-corns) of pure Corral, made firſt in fine Pouder, with the Nurſe-milk, to a child that is newly born, before it taſt any other thing, the ſame Child will never have the Falling-ſickneſs. *Arnoldus de Villa nova.*

83. One *Baldus* of *Trident*, Doctor of both Laws, as he was playing with a little Whelp of his own, the ſame did bite him a little in the nether lip, who being ignorant that his ſaid dog was infected with madneſs; he himſelf, within four Months after, became mad, and at the laſt, being paſt remedy, did die miſerably. *Andreas Mathiolus, in Dioſcoridem*, which let them mark and conſider that have ſuch pleaſure in little Puppies. *Mizaldus.*

84. Whoſoever is tormented with the *Sciatica* or Gout, let them take a Herb call'd Speregraſs, and ſtamp it, and lay a little thereof upon the grief, but put upon it a Cockle or a Walnut-ſhell, and tye ſomething on it that the Herb be not removed; and within ſix or eight hours at the moſt, it will make a great bliſter on the ſame place. Then lay a Clot-leaf, or elſe a Wort-leaf on the ſame, but firſt let the water out of the bliſter with a pin, and it will draw out all the water that cauſeth the Pain or Grief. This helpt one that was pained therewith twenty years.

85. *Brevius* after *Oppianum*, doth affirm, That Bells covered with the skin of a Wolf, do drown the ſound of the other bells that are covered with the skin of a Lamb.

86. Put two or more quick Mice in a long or deep earthen pot, and ſet the ſame nigh unto a fire

fire made of Aſh-wood; when the Pot begins to be hot, the Mice therein will chirp or make a noiſe, whereat all the mice that are nigh them, will run towards them, and ſo will leap into the fire, as tho they ſhould come to help their poor impriſoned friends and neighbours. The cauſe whereof *Mizaldus* aſcribes to the ſmoak of the Aſh-wood.

87. If you ſeeth the dregs, or mother, or foam of Oyl to the half, and therewith anoint the bottom, corners, and feet of any Cheſt or Preſs, the Cloaths that you lay therein ſhall never be hurt with Moths, ſo that it be dry before you put your Cloaths therein. *M. Varro* and *Cato*.

88. If you would not have hairs to grow, pluck them up firſt by the Root, then uſe to rub the ſame place with *Aqua Fortis* divers times, a little at once, and it will ſtay the hair from growing there any more: A Womam told me this for a great ſecret.

89. Make a Plaiſter of Potters-clay, mixt with Vinegar, and the white of an Egg, and apply it to the Cods of him that bleeds at the Noſe, and ſtraightway his bleeding will ſtay or ceaſe. This is a ſure proved Medicine.

90. Give to a Woman (that ſuſpects her ſelf to be with Child, at night when ſhe goes to bed) a clove of Garlick to eat; and if ſhe feel any ſavor thereof in the morning when ſhe riſeth, then ſhe is not with Child: If ſhe feel no ſavor thereof, then ſhe is with Child. This I had out of an old written Book.

91. They will have weak and feeble hearts, or will be much given to Sounding, in whoſe Nativity the *Sun* is Lord of the ſixth Houſe, or Lord of the

the part or infirmity, being impedite or infortuniate. *Iatromath. Gualt. Ryff.*

92. An excellent and approved thing to make them ſlender that are groſs: let them eat three or four cloves of Garlick, with as much of Bred and butter every morning and evening, firſt and laſt, neither eating nor drinking of three or four hours after their taking of it in the morning, for the ſpace of fourteen days at the leaſt, and drink every day three droughts of the decoction of Fenel, that is, of the water wherein Fenel is ſod and well ſtrained, fourteen days after, at the leaſt, at morning, noon and night: I knew a man that was marvellous groſs, and could not go a quarter of a mile, but was enforc'd to reſt him a dozen times at the leaſt, that with this Medicine, took away his groſſneſs, and afterwards could go a Journey on foot.

The end of the Second Book.

The Third Book.

1.

FIve Eggs laid in the evening in ſtrong and tart Vinegar, and taken out of the ſame the next morning, ſo that you perceive their ſhells therewith to be ſomething ſoft, elſe let them lye longer therein, and then put or thruſt them down into the throat of a Horſe that hath the Cough, his tongue being held all that while out of his mouth, will heal him perfectly of the ſame.

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2. The Turtle-Doves have such a love one to another (being Mates) that when one of them is dead, the other will never after have any other Mate. *Aristo.*

3. A certain Woman, a *Florentine*, was so pulled and griped in her Stomach with such torments, that no Physician could help, which Woman of a sudden, did vomit long and crooked Nails, Needles of Brass, with Wax, and lumps of Hair; and at the last she avoided out of her Mouth a great fleshy piece, such a one as a Gyant could not swallow. The Author hereof is, *Benevenius de admirandis morborum causis.* But he saith, That the said Woman was possest of a wicked Spirit. *Mizaldus.* (Which I believe was done by the Devil.

4. *Pliny* reports, That men in antient time did fasten upon the Gates of their Towns, the Heads of Wolves, thereby to put away witch-craft, Sorcery, or Enchantment: Which many Hunters observe or do at this day; but to what use, they know not.

5. A Mole or Want enclosed in an Earthen pot, if you set then the pouder of Brimstone on fire, she will call other Moles or Wants to help her, with a very mourning voice. *Mizaldus.*

6. If you take an Oak-Apple from an Oak-tree, and in the same you shall find a little Worm; which if it doth fly away, it signifies Wars: if it creeps, it betokens scarceness of Corn: If it run about, then it foreshews the Plague. This is the Countryman's Astrology, which they have long observed for truth. *Mizaldus.*

7. If a man be sick, mark his Eyes when he sleepeth, for if any white things appear betwixt the

Eye-lids, and the Patient have no great Lax, nor received any Purgation before, it is a terrible and deadly ſign. *Aphor. Hippoc.*

8. Whoſoever is troubled with the Cough, or ſhortneſs of Breath, let them drink a good draught, ſomething warm, of this following, thrice, every day firſt and laſt, and one hour after dinner, for the ſpace of ſeven or eight days, and it will help them (God willing) for it is an excellent and often proved thing; Take of the Roots of *Enulacampana*, cut in ſmall pieces, of Hyſſop and Peny-roal, and alſo of ſcraped Liquoras, of each two handfuls, ſeeth them all in a Gallon of pure and fair water, until the water come to one pottle; then ſtrain it well, and keep it in a clean veſſel, cloſe ſtopt or covered, and ſo uſe it.

9. Soap mixt with a little Salt, helpeth perfectly a Fellon, uncome, or other Sore or ſwoln finger with ſpeed. I know that this hath been well proved. *Mizaldus.*

10. The white of an Egg well beaten, and mixed with the pouder of Maſtich, helps Chapt Hands, if they be anointed therewith.

11. Mouſeare, any manner of way miniſtered to Horſes, brings this help unto them, That they cannot be hurt whilſt the Smith is ſhooing of them; therefore it is called of many, *Herba clavarum*, the Herb of Nails. *Mizaldus.*

12. If a Firr-tree be touched, withered, or burned with Lightning, it ſignifies that the Maſter or Miſtriſs thereof ſhall ſhortly die. *Servius.*

13. *Galen* ſaith, that he hath found by experience (following the opinions of many) when any ſha

fall sick, and the *Moon* then be in the sign wherein a good Star or Planet was found in the time of his birth, without doubt he shall escape from such sickness; if in the place of an evil Star (or Planet) he will not escape. *Johannes Tayfuier.*

14. Seeth the leaves of an Oak, and the middle rind thereof in Water, and wash the Head that is sore, or full of Pustles, therewith, and it will help it presently. This hath been often proved.

15. The Root of Pellitory of *Spain*, chewed between the Teeth a good while, will purge the head and gums very well, and fasten the Teeth; it will help the Head-ach and Tooth-ach, if it be used four or five times in a day, two or three days together. It is very true, and often proved.

16. Make that which is shorn from Scarlet into pouder, by drying it at the Fire, or in an Oven, and then give to the party that hath the Bloody Flux to drink, half a pound thereof in red Wine: use this five or six times, and it will help him, or her, shortly and surely, God willing. This is well proved.

17. The Gall of a Partridge, anointed once a Month on the Arteries of the Temples of the head, so that it may penetrate and sink in, doth profit very much for the confirming of the Memory. *Simeon Lethi.*

18. If the Tayl of a Wolf be buried or put in the ground of any Town or Village, no Wolf will enter into that Town or Village. *Rhasis.*

19. *Albertus* makes mention of a Well, That whatsoever is thrown into the same, is turned into a stone, whereof proof was made by *Frederick* the

firſt, who becauſe he would not be deceived, threw into the ſame one of his Gloves, whereto firſt he put Wax, and ſealed it with his own Ring; and the one half of the Glove, which was under the water, became ſtone, the other part above the water remained as it was before.

20. Many have proved, That a Saphire tyed to the artery, doth put away the heat in an Ague. And the ſame ſtone worn againſt the heart, doth preſerve the bearer thereof from the Plague, and from venomous things. *Raſis & Albertus*, and others.

1. If one that hath eaten Garlick or Cummin-ſeed, breath on the face of the Woman that is painted, the colour will vaniſh away ſtraight; if not, then her colour remains as it did before. *Lang.*

22. The leaves of an Elm-tree, or of a Peach-tree, falling before their time, do ſore ſhew or betoken a Murrain, or death of Cattle, *Cardanus*

23. *Tiberius Cæſar*, who was an Emperor of *Rome*, when Chriſt ſuffered, when he awaked out of ſleep, did ſee in the dark, as Cats do. *Suetonius.*

24. Whoſoever eateth two Walnuts, two Figgs, twenty leaves of Rue, and one grain of Salt, all ſtampt and mixt together, faſting, ſhall be ſafe from Poiſon and Plague, that day; which Antidote King *Mithridates* had uſed ſo much, that when he drunk Poyſon purpoſely to kill himſelf, it could not hurt him. *Plinius.*

25. If you will encloſe ſeeds of divers kinds either in Wax, or in ſome other faſt matter, made ſomething thin or ſmall, ſhooting out at length (that is) as long as you would have the ſame to grow, and then putting the ſame in the ground, well dunged,

duegnd, a marvellous hedge will ſpring thereof. This is the workmanſhip and experiment of the King's Gardiner. *Mizaldus.*

26. Grind Muſtard with Vinegar, and rub it well and hard on the Palms of the Hands, or Soles of the Fett; and it will help and quicken forgetful perſons. *Petrus Hiſpanus.*

27. A moſt notable and proved Water to clarifie the dimneſs of the Eyes or Sight, doth follow: Take the juyce of Fenel, Celendine, Rue, and Eybright, of each two ounces; Honey one ounce and an half: Aloes, Tutty, and Sarcacol, of each half an ounce: the Call of a Chicken or Cock, two drams: Nutmegs, Cloves, and Saffron, of each one dram: Sugar-candy ſix drams: put all into a Limbeck of Glaſs, and diſtill it, and put of this Water into your Eyes once in a day, two or three drops at a time. And there cannot be a more precious thing for the Eyes than this. I know it by proof, and therefore I am the bolder both to praiſe it, and publiſh it abroad, for the comfort of others.

28. The threeſcore and third years of ones age, is counted to be a dangerous and perillous time, for that it doth paſs ſeldom without danger of life, or without ſome other great misfortune. And it is obſerved in many examples. Hereof *Auguſtus Cæſar* (as *Gellius* reporteth) was marvellous glad, that he had eſcaped that year of his Age. The cauſe may be, that the ſeventh year, and the ninth year (being *Anni Climacterici & critici*, which are Judicial years) multipled together, makes the ſaid number of 29. *Mizaldus.*

63. Seeth Ivy-berries in Vinegar, or in white

Wine, and when they be well ſod, ſup of the ſame hot Liquor, and when it is cold ſpit it out, and ſup more thereof. Whoſoever doth this, it helpeth the Tooth-ach.

30. Whoſoever is lame, and can neither go nor ſtir their their Joints, let them take of *Aqua Compoſita*, and Oyl of Roſes, of either a like quantity, mix them both together, and anoint the grieved place therewith (morning and evening) until it be well, which will be within a while after, but rub the place with warmed cloaths well before. A thing often proved.

31. Whoſoever hath *Mars* in his Horoſcope or the Aſcendant of the time of his Birth, certainly he will have a ſpecial Skar or Mark in his Face. *Pro.* Which I have tryed in many, and yet never found it falſe.

32. The Circles of Cart-wheels, empty Carts and the Comb on a Cocks head, do marvellouſly fear a Lion (being a moſt hardy or fierce Beaſt) but of all things he fears Fires, Torch-lights, or Firebrands. *Plinius, Ælianus & alii.*

33. That Pigeons may not be hunted or kill'd of Cats at the Windows, or at every paſſage, and at every Pigeon-hole, hang or put little branches of Rue, for Rue hath a marvellous ſtrength against wild Beaſts: As *Didimus* doth ſay.

34. If the Tail of a Wolf be hang'd in a houſe no Wolf will enter therein, neither will any flie flye into the ſame. *Rhaſis.*

35. If a Mad-man uſe to laugh, it is a laudable ſign; but if he be very ſad, it is perillous. *Aphor. Hippocrat.*

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36. This Medicine following will procure a good ſtomach to meat; Take three drams of good Cinamon, one dram of Maſtich, one dram of the parings of Pomegranates, and half a dram of Galingale, and ſtamp all theſe together, and temper it with clarified Honey, and then uſe to eat as much thereof as a Nut every day (during ten days) faſting, and it will procure a good ſtomach, and alſo preſerve and keep the ſame from any evil humors to breed therein. This is an excellent Medicine, and often proved, and eaſie to be made.

37. He will be weak in the act of Generation, in whoſe Nativity *Venus* is join'd with *Saturn*; eſpecially in the tenth or eighth Houſe; or that the *Moon* is join'd with *Saturn*, in an evil Aſpect of *Venus*; or if *Saturn* be in the ſixth or twelfth houſe, in a moiſt ſign infortunating *Venus*. *Iatromath.*

38. If you mark where your right foot doth ſtand at the firſt time that you do hear the Cuckow, and then grave or take up the Earth under the ſame: Whereſoever the ſame is ſprinkled about, there will no Fleas breed. *Pliny* by *Mizaldus* reports. And I know it hath proved true.

39. To make the counterfeit Mandrake, which hath been ſold by deceivers, for much money, do thus as followeth: Take the great double root of Briony, newly taken out of the ground, and with a fine ſharp knife frame the ſhape of a man or woman of the ſame, with his ſtones and cods, and other members thereto, and when it is clean done, prick all theſe places with a ſharp ſteel, as the head, the eye-brows, the chin, and the privities, and put into the ſaid holes the ſeed of Millet, or any other

that bringsforth other ſmall roots that do reſemble hairs, (which Leek-ſeeds will do very well, or elſe Barley) after this put it into the ground, and let it be cover'd with Earth, until it have gotten upon it a certain little skin, and then thou ſhalt ſee a monſtrous Idol, and hairy, which will become the Parties well, if it be workmanlike or cunningly made or figured. *Mizaldus.* Another trim way for the like, is in the *Natural and Artificial Concluſions*, Engliſhed by *Thomas Hill.*

40. Woſoever anoints his feet and hands with the greaſe of a Wolf, he ſhall not be hurt with any cold of his hands or feet ſo anointed. *Mizaldus.*

41. Five-leaved-graſs, through *Jupiters* force, doth reſiſt venom or poyſon: whereof, if one leaf twice every day, morning and evening, be drunk with Wine: it is ſaid to put away the Quotidian Ague: Three leaves the Tertain Ague; And four leaves the Quartan Ague. *Marcilius Ficinus.*

42. Vervin ſtampt and ſtrained with Wine, Water, or Vinegar, and then given to a Woman that travels, or is in her labor, and cannot be delivered, it cauſeth ſpeedy deliverance. *Trotula de paſſionibus multerum.* And *Gilbertas* affirms the like, if it be drunk with water.

43. A ſtrange Medicine, and a rae Secret, for conſuming the web in the Eye, oftentimes proved; Take nine little Worms with many feet, (of ſome called Swine Lice) if they be touched they become round, as a button; they are to be found between the Bark and the Wood of old Timber, or Trees) ſtamp them with a little Juice of Woodbine, or Betony; then ſtrian the ſame well, and let the Party

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that hath the web in his Eye, drink it in a morning ſomething warmed: do this three mornings together, and it will cure it perfectly (God willing.) This was told me for a very truth, by one that had proved it divers times.

44. This that followeth is a ſpecial Medicine for them that ſwound, or are Faint at the Heart; Take Roſemary, Sage, Betony, and Marjoram, of each one handful; and ſeeth them in a Gallon or more of fair Water, till half the quarter be conſumed; then take away the Herbs, and put to the ſaid water a Pint of good Honey, and then ſcum it well, and put thereto an ounce of Stycadoes, tyed in a fair linnen cloth, and let it ſeeth a little while, and then take it out of the ſaid Water, and put thereto an ounce of Cinamon, three quarters of an ounce of Nutmegs, and as much of Ginger in pouder, and uſe to drink a good draught thereof, twice every day, ſomething warm, firſt and laſt for the ſpace of ſix or ſeven days; and then it helps perfectly.

45. They that have any Pains or ſwelling in the Throat, let them take a Jews Ear (which is to be had at the Apothecaries) and lay it to ſteep in Ale a whole night, and let the Party drink a good draught thereof every day, once or twice, until they perceive themſelves amended. A proved thing.

46. A ſtrange matter, and a thing followeth worthy of memory: Whoſoever hath the Kings-Evil, and looks upon a certain Bird called *Galgus*, of a marvellous ſharp and quick ſight; by and by, the ſame Bird doth draw to her the yellow vapours of Choller, and heals the Party perfectly, through a certain great benefit of Nature. But whereas,

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through a ſecret gift of nature, ſhe doth perceive or ſmell the diſeaſed Party to come toward her, ſhe will cloſe her Eyes, and hide her Head under her Wings; not that ſhe doth envy the Parties health, or loath to help him of his diſeaſe; but becauſe ſhe doth greatly fear the ſharpneſs of the humour, which the nearer the party infected comes to her, the more it will pain her, and he the more eaſed: Therefore they were wont to ſell this Bird to ſuch as had that diſeaſe, in ſome cloſe thing, or cover'd, leſt the party ſhould be heal'd for nothing. The Authors hereof, are, *Heliodorus*, *Plutarchus*, *Ælianus*, *Suidas*, and *Pliny*, with *Lirannides*, and others. After him *Albertus* reports, That if this Bird refuſe to look upon the diſeaſed Party, it is a token that he ſhall dye thereof: but if ſhe look even upon him, ſhe draws the Diſeaſe to her ſelf: and then by and by, or ſoon after, ſhe flying againſt the Sun, doth vomit it out of her. And thus ſhe doth cure the ſick Party, and deliver her ſelf from the ſame, though a certain marvellous benefit of nature. But Learned men do much diſſent in taking of this Bird: *Pliny* contends that it is *Icterus*; ſome do think that it is *Chloreus*, or *Chlorio*; which the *French*-men call *Lorion* and *Loriot*: the beſt part of the Phyſicians defend, that it is *Charadrius*; ſome affirm that it is *Oriolus*; others ſay it is *Galbulus*, or *Galbula*, or *Chloris*, which *Geſner* likes not: and *Mizaldus* leaves it to the judgement of the Doctors or Learned, until experience ſhall try the truth thereof. *Mizaldus in ſuis Mirabilis ſeu Arcanis.*

47. The middle rind of Cherry-tree ſtampt and

and ſtrain'd, and the ſaid Juyce put into a little White-Wine warm'd, and given them to drink that have the Sone, or cannot make Water, it avoids the Gravel or Stone, and makes them make Water preſently. Uſe it three or four times.

48. One may make beyond-ſea Azure, as followeth, and counterfeit it very well: Take common Azure, and beat or ſtamp it well with Vinegar, and anoint therewith a thin Plate of pure Silver, and put the ſame over a Veſſel full of Urine, which ſet over hot Aſhes and Coals, and let it be moved and ſtirred, until it be made like beyond-ſea Azure. This is the beſt way. *Mizaldus* affirms that he had this out of an old written Book.

49. If you do put Quick-ſilver into a Pot amongſt ſeething or hot Peas, the Peas will leap out of the pot, except the Brim or Mouth of the Pot be too high, or the Fire too ſmall. *Mizaldus* ſaith that this is proved.

50. Savory beaten and ſodden in Vinegar, and laid in manner of a Plaiſter to the hinder part of the Head, doth merrily awaken thoſe that are heavy aſleep.

51. Here followeth the making of a pleaſant Oyl of Cloves; Take of Cloves one pound, which beat to pouder in a brazen Morter; then add thereto three pound of Almonds ſcrap'd and beaten in a Morter; and when they be well mixed together, ſprinkle thereon four ounces of the beſt White-Wine, letting it lye in a Maſs for the ſpace of eight days at the leaſt; after that ſtamp the whole over again, and then put it into a new earthen Pan, which heat over the fire ſo long, that you cannot

cannot ſuffer your hand in it; then put it up into ſquare bags, and wring the ſame hard in a preſs, until all the whole ſubſtance of the Oyl be come.

52. Take a Frog, and cut her thorow the midſt of the back with a knife, and take out the Liver, and fold it in a Colewort-leaf, and burn it in a new earthen pot well clos'd, and give the Aſhes thereof unto him or her, that hath the Falling-ſickneſs, to drink with Wine, and it will help him; and if the party be not healed at once, then do ſo by another Frog, and ſo do ſtill, and without doubt, it will help him, if he uſe it: This was told me for a ſure experiment; and it is alſo affirmed by *Petrus Hiſpanus*.

53. A wonderful thing paſſing all credit chanced in the Biſhopwrick, or Dioceſs of them of *Eiſtertence* in *Germany*, but that it was ſeen of divers credible witneſſes: A certain Husbandman there called *Ulbricke Neuceſſer*, being tormented with cruel pains in one of his ſides, ſuddenly took hold of a Nail that was under the skin, unhurt; which cut by a Surgeon, he took out the Nail: yet for all that, the pains did not ceaſe: wherefore the miſerable man (ſuſpecting that there was no remedy to be had for his pain, but death) took a knife and cut his throat; and the third day after, he being carryed to burying, there was there preſent one *Eucharius Raſenbaader* of *Weſſenburge*, and *John* of *Eſtenſtet*, Surgeons, in the preſence of many, which did cut or open the belly and Maw of the ſaid dead Man, wherein was found (being marvellous and prodigious) a long and round piece of Wood, four Knives of Steel, partly ſharp, and partly nickt like

like a Saw; and two ſharp inſtruments of Iron, that were longer than a ſpan; and they had therein alſo Hair rowled together, as it were a round Bowl or ball. This was laid or put into his Maw, by no other Art, but only by the craft and ſubtilty of the Devil. This hath *Johannes Langius* written in the firſt part of his Medicinal Epiſtles. *Epiſt. 8. de Prodigiis & Praſtigiis Dæmonum in morbis.* *Mizaldus* reports it alſo.

59. In many Ponds, all the Water and Mud taken out, by and by Eels do breed, if Rain-water do come into them; for that with the dew, they do live and are nouriſht. *Ariſt. Plutar.* and others.

55. If the right knee of a Bull be tyed with a broad band, it will make him tame. *Ælianus.*

56. Let the Party that bleedeth chew the root of a Nettle in his mouth, but ſwallow it not down, and without doubt the blood will ſtanch; for if one keep it in his mouth, he can loſe no blood. *Petrus Hiſpanus.*

57. If a Mad-man find eaſe in ſleeping, it is good: but if his rage increaſe, it is to be fear'd. *Hippocrates in ſuis Aphor.*

51. This Medicine following doth marvellouſly break Wind in the Belly: Take Cummin-ſeed, Fennel-ſeed, and Anniſ-ſeed, of each a like, and beat them to pouder, then ſeeth the ſame in Wine, and drink a good draught thereof firſt and laſt, four or five days together, and you ſhall find great help thereby, for it hath been often prov'd to their great eaſe and comfort that take the ſame.

59. Take a ſpoonful of *Aqua vitæ*, and two ſpoonfuls of the Water of Aſmart, and anoint any

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Ach therewith twice every day, Morning and Evening, for the ſpace of five or ſix days at the moſt; and it will heal it for ever. I had this out of an old written Book.

60. This following is an excellent Medicine for the Stone: ſeeth an handful of Holly-berries in a Pint of good Ale, till half the Ale be conſumed; then ſtrain it, putting then a little butter to it, and let the Party drink thereof five or ſix ſpoonfuls, and within half an hour after the Party will make Water (if ever any Medicine will cauſe it.) This was told me for a true ſecret.

61. The Learned and Wiſe among the *Perſians* affirm, That if Sage be putrified, or laid to rot in Horſe-dung, while the *Sun* and *Moon* doth both occupy the ſame place of *Leo*, thereon will breed a Bird like an Ouſel or Black-bird, the aſhes whereof being burn'd, and ſtrewed or caſt into a burning Lamp, will make the Houſe ſeem to be full of Serpents. *Hermes.*

62. If the Ears of Cats be cropped or cut off, it will make them keep home the better. For that then the water (which they cannot abide) will drop into thoſe ears being open. And if they be gelded, eſpecially the Male Cat, they will not only be more tame and fat, but alſo thereby they will range abroad the leſs. *Mizaldus.*

63. It is ſaid, that Cockles and Oyſters, in great Thunders, do then vomit and caſt out Pearls, whereupon many are found in the Sands. *Mizaldus.*

63. When any draws nigh towards their death, and that their Members lack blood and vital heat, then Fleas and Lice leave them quite, or elſe draw

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to that part of the body where the ſaid heat tarries the longeſt, which is in the hole of the neck under the Chin, &c. This is a token that Death is at hand. *Lemnius.*

65. The leaves of Wall-wort ſod with Wine, doth marvellouſly mitigate the pains of them that are tormented with the Gout, if they be applied to the place where the grief or pain is. There be they that preſer and extol with marvellous praiſes the Juice preſſed out of the Leaves and Roots thereof ſodden with wine and *May* butter; and in the ſtead of a Liniment, anointed ſtill on the griev'd Members; that is, three or four times every day. *Mizaldus* learned this of one that proved it.

66. A Ruſh dryed and put into Wine, if there be any water therein, draws it to it (the Wine left alone, or together) which is good and profitable for trying of Wine. *Mizaldus.*

67. A notable Medicine to heal lame Members, doth follow; Take of Oyl-Olive, *Aqua Vitæ*, Oyl of *Exeter*, and of a beaſts Gall, of each a like quantity; mix all together, and anoint the Lame Members therewith twice every day, morning and evening, the ſpace of a fortnight, being well rubbed before, and it will help the lame of a certain. An old Woman in *Worceſterſhire* did help many therewith.

68. If out of one pound of excellent Wine (with as much ſalt as you can hold in your hand, and the Lees of pure Wine) you do diſtil a Water, you ſhall find that it will be the hotteſt Water of all other. *Mizaldus* had this of a certain Alchymiſt.

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69. It is said, That Harts in *Creet*, being strucken with Darts unvenom'd, do eat of a certain Herb call'd Dittany, and thereby the prick, or any other thing that sticks in them, is driven forth. *Mizaldus.*

70. There was a certain Woman great with Child in *Pago*, not far from *Andernacus*, a Town of the Bishop of *Cullen*, desiring or longing to eat or to feed on her Husbands Flesh; and altho' she loved him intirely, yet she killed him in the night; and being satisfied with the half of his flesh, she powdered the rest with Salt: but afterwards, when her great longing did cease, and that she did repent the deed, she did confess it to her Friends that sought for her Husband. *Johannes Langius* in his Medicinal Epistles. Therefore it is good for Husbands to take heed, while their Wives have such inordinate longing upon them.

71. Many have been helped that have had foul and leprous Faces, only with washing the same with distilled water of Strawberries; the Strawberries first put into a close Glass, and so putrified in Horse-dung. *Conradus Gesnerus.*

72. Primrose leaves stampt, and laid in the place that bleedeth, stancheth the blood. This hath been proved.

73. Take black Soap, and almost as much Ginger in pouder, and mix them well together, then anoint therewith any Tetters or Ring-worms every day, for the space of four or five days together, and it will heal it certainly. Proved.

74. Take Aloes *Epaticum* four Drams, Briony, Mastich, Myrrh, Asarrabacca, Scamony, of each one

one dram; mixt with the same made in pouder, with the juyce of Fennel, and a little clarified Honey to preserve them: Take a dram thereof, which is the weight of seventy two Barley-corns, at the most, early in the morning, and neither eat nor drink three or four hours after: if they be given nine days together, they help marvellously, and they are very excellent for all manner of Head-achs, approv'd (tho' never so long rooted.) They purge all Humours; they bring gladness, they are very good for the eye-sight, they preserve the mind, letting or hindring the hoarineſs of Hairs, they help the swiming of the Head, and the Megrim, and heal the sounding of the ears: But to the weaker Persons, give the lesser quantity. Make it in five or six little round Pills or Balls, and swallow them one after another, at one time; they are proved to be very good. I found this in a very old written Book.

75. *Johannes Langius* (an excellent Physician) saith. That he heard it reported of certain Horsemen of the County *Palatine*, that they did see in *Austria* a Man, which with barking, and with swift running, contended and striv'd with Dogs, and was hunted of them unhurt in the Woods.

76. The Eyes of young Swallows being in the Nest, prickt with a Needle or Pin, and so made blind, within four or five days after, they will see again, which is very true, for I have proved it, but how they recover their sight, I know not. But divers write, If their Eyes be hurt, the old Swallows restore their sight again with the Juyce of Celendine.

77. White Poppy and Henbane seed, a little

ſtamped, and tempered with the white of an Egg, and laid to the Forehead, provoketh ſleep. This hath been often proved.

78. This following will heal lame Members, ſeeth Rue and Roſemary, of each two handfuls, with common Oyl and Malmſey, of either one quart together, for the ſpace of half an hour, then let the lame Members be waſht and bath'd therewith (but before, the ſaid Member or griev'd place muſt be well chafed with a hot Cloth) then when it is well bathed (which will be within half an hour) wrap and keep the Member or place ſo bathed with a Lambs-skin (the wool-ſide inward) and do this every night before, or at going to bed, three weeks at leaſt, and he will be whole and ſound thereof. Dr. *Owen* helpt one therewith, and with no other thing, that could neither ſtand nor go, but was very lame. They that ſaw the proof thereof, told it me, which were Perſons of good Credit.

79. It was an hainious offence with the *Ægyptians*, either willingly or by chance to kill a Cat. And *Diodorus* tells us a pretty ſtory thereof, leſt it might be thought to be a Fable. In the time of *Ptolomy*, a League or Amity being begun between him and the *Romans*; a certain *Roman* (then againſt his will) had kill'd a Cat: whereupon the *Ægyptians* gathered together, and did beſet the Houſe where he was, requiring to have him executed for his great offence (no whit regarding the Power of the *Romans*, nor yet their League or Friendſhip with them) then, had it not been for the King and the Rulers, they would have drawed him out of the Houſe and killed him. *Diodorus*.

80. To keep Harneſs, or any thing made of Iron or Steel from ruſting, let the ſame be rubbed over with Vinegar mixt with Ceruſe, or the Marrow of an Hart (which is far better than Oyl) and it will keep them fair and bright.

81. A notable Oyl or Medicine for the Gout, and Joynt-Aches, very true and often proved: Take the Juyce of Sage, of *Aqua Vitæ*, of Oyl of Bays, of Vinegar, of Muſtard, and of Beaſts Gall, of each a like quantity; put them all together into a great bladder, and chafe it well up and down with your hands for the ſpace of an hour and a half, and keep it for your uſe, and anoint the griev'd place therewith every morning and evening, and you ſhall find your ſelf healed within a ſhort time. This is a ſure and often proved thing.

82. The precious Medicine following doth preſerve and keep them that take it, ſafe from Poyſon or Plague: Take of Juniper-berries two drams, of earth of Lemney, call'd by the Phyſicians *Terra Lemniæ*, as much, and one ſcruple more, which is the weight of twenty four Barley-corns: when you have made them into fine Pouder, mix them with Honey, and keep it for your uſe in a clean Veſſel: give as much thereof at one time as a hazel nut, in three ounces of *Aqua Mulſa*, which is made of Water and Honey; that is, one pound of Honey, and eight pound of Water ſodden and ſcummed over an eaſie fire, until the fourth part be conſum'd. This excellent Antidote did King *Nicomedes* uſe, when any did bid him to banquet, or any other Chear, that he did ſuſpect. If there be no poyſon taken before it, it will remain quietly in the Sto-

mach; but if there be any Poyſon, it will procure vomit; ſo that thereby the Poyſon and Medicine will both come forth. *Mizaldus.*

83. A notable thing to cauſe one to ſleep immediately: Take the Juyce of Henbane, Lettice, Plantane, Poppy, of the leaves of Mandrake, Ivy, Mulberry and Hemlock, of each one dram; of *Opium* and Ivy-berries, of either as much; ſtamp the Ivy-berries and the *Opium* together; and mix the Juyces and them well together; then dip a Spunge into the ſame, and let it drink it all up, and then lay the ſame Spunge into the Sun to dry: Afterwards lay the ſaid Spunge to the parties noſe whom you would have to ſleep, and he will ſleep quickly. And when you will awake him, dip another Spunge in Vinegar, and hold it to his Noſe, and he will awake within a while after. This is an excellent thing, and true.

84. Beware that nothing bind thy body hard when thou bleedeſt, and then hold thy handful of Shephards Purſe, and ſtedfaſtly look on the Sun, and the bleeding will ceaſe. This is proved.

85. To make pouder that will draw out a tooth without an Inſtrument. Take Spurge, Pellitory of *Spain*, Smallage, the dung of a Raven, or of a Crow, Galbanum, the brains of Partridges, and alſo a Frog, of each a like quantity; burn all theſe together in a new earthen pot all to pouder: and with a little of the ſame Pouder touch the Tooth that you would have fall out, and doubtleſs within a quarter of an hour it will fall out: But you muſt take heed that you touch none other Tooth therewith. This I had out of an old written Book.

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86. Seeth Mallows and red Nettles together in fair water, and let the party that is Costiff, or cannot go to Stool, sit close over the same, and receive the Fume thereof up in his Fundament, and it will help him certainly and speedily (God willing.) A thing often proved.

The End of the Third Book.

The Fourth Book.

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MAke *Dwale* as followeth, which makes one to sleep while he is cut, or burned by cauterizing as followeth: Take the Gall of a Barrow-Swine, or the Gall of a Boar, or the juyce of Hemlock three spoonfuls, and the juyce of wild Nip three spoonfuls, of the juyce of Lettice, of the Juyce of Henbane and Aisel, of each three spoonfuls: mix them together, and boyl them well, and put them in a Glass Vessel well stopt, and put three spoonfuls thereof in a quart of good Wine or Ale, and mix them well together; and let him that shall be cut or cauterized, sit against a good fire, and let him drink thereof till he fall asleep. This I had out of an old written Book. Use it warily, and prove it advisedly: If you begin with a little quantity, you may increase it when you will; but if you give him too much at once, you cannot diminish it when you list.

2. They will be hindred in their ſmell, or will have diſeaſes or griefs in their noſes, in whoſe Nativity *Mars* and *Venus* are impedite above the earth. *Iatromath.*

3. Dry the Roots of red Nettles, and make them in pouder, and drink a ſpoonful of the pouder thereof in a draught of White-wine, ſomething warm, and it will break the Stone, though it be never ſo great, and that with ſpeed. Uſe it every day until the Stone and Gravel be all broken and conſumed. A thing of ſmall price, and great virtue.

4. A Comb made of the Right Horn of a Ram, doth take away the Head-ach, being on the Right-ſide of the Head, if the pained Head be combed therewith: If the Pain be on the left-ſide of the Head, then a Comb made of the Left Horn of a Ram, doth take it away if the pained Head be combed therewith. This I had out of an old book.

5. *Thebet*, the Philoſopher, doth teach, That to get the virtue of any Star, you muſt take a Ring, when the *Moon* doth behold happily by a Trine or Sextile Aſpect, the ſame Star plac'd in the midſt of the Heavens, or in the Aſcendent: but the matter or ſubſtance of the Ring muſt be made of that Metal that belongs to that Star; and likewiſe an Herb aſcribed to the ſaid Star, muſt be included or put under the Ring.

6. Dip a ſilk thred in the blood of a Mouſe, and let the Patient ſwallow it that hath the Squinancy, or ſwelling, or pains in the Throat, and it will help him.

7. This following is a notable Medicine for the Gout: Take the Root of the wild Nip, and the

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Root of the wild Dock first sodden by themseves, then pare off the skins, and cut them into pieces, and stamp them both together, as small as can be, then put thereto a quantity of soot of a Chimney, and temper it with the milk of a Cow that hath the Hair of one colour; then take Urine of a Man that is fasting, and make a Plaister thereof, and boyl all together, and as hot as the party can suffer it, lay it to the place pained or grieved, a day or night without removing, and lay another Plaister of the same to it, and let it lye thereto as long as the other. And do thus nine times, and it will help him (God Willing.) Proved.

8. If Iron that is made clean, or polished, be tinged or rubbed over with *Aqua Fortis*, wherein the filings or scrapings of Brass is dissolved, that Iron will have the Colour of Brass. *Bap. Porta.*

9. A Horse that casts or holds his ears backward, for the most part is deaf. And the Horse that doth not Neigh in the company of a great number of other Horses, is dumb. *Simoneta Cardinalis.*

10. The best thing of all other to keep Harness, or any other thing made of Iron or Steel from rustiness, is this, stamp the filing or dust from Lead finely in a leaden or iron Mortar, putting thereto a little Oyl of Spike (which besides makes it smell trimly) and therewith rub over the Harness, or any other thing, as aforesaid, made of Iron or Steel: by this means you may carry your Harness, or other things so rubbed therewith, in watry places, and in moist Airs, safe from rusting. *Mizaldus* had this of a cunning Armourer.

11. One knot of the Root of Mullen, given to

drink, doth bind the looſneſs of the Belly. Proved.

12. He that waxeth Deaf through an Ague, and bleedeth at the Noſe, ſhall recover his Hearing. *Hippoc.* in *Aphor.*

13. This Medicine following is proved by experience, and as a certain divine thing, doth cure every Pleuriſie, & doth relieve the ſick from death, which ought not to be applied unto the ſick party until the fourth day be paſt. Take of *De Althea* two ounces (which is to be had at the Apothecaries) the Oyl of ſweet Almonds half an Ounce; mix them together: with which Oyntment (being warm) let the grieved place be anointed: Then ſprinkle upon the anointed place half an ounce of Pouder of Cummin finely fearſed (which done) take a Colewort-leaf made hot upon burning aſhes, and anoint it with old Butter (not ſalted) and lay it hot on the anointed and pouder'd place, (tying it on with cloath that it remove not) and a marvellous effect will appear unto you, in the ceaſing of the pain of the Pleuriſie, and in diſſolving of the matter of the Impoſthume. This Remedy will bring honour unto thee, and great profit unto the ſick Perſon. And know that this Remedy is good in any other great pain, in all the Body, from the Head to the Foot. *Empirica Benedicti Victorii.* And alſo I have ſeen this proved, which helpt one of the Pleuriſie with letting blood.

14. If a Woman with Child have her Smock that ſhe wears ſlit at the nether end or skirt thereof, or not ſowed there round about, but that one ſide or ſeam thereof be a little left unclos'd, or unſewed

sewed together, the same child that she then goeth with, shall be safe from having a Cloven or Hair Lip, yea tho' she chance to meet suddenly a Hare, altho' a Hare doth leap over her, or suddenly touch her; which happens to many children by such means as is mention'd in another part of this Book. This was very credibly told me for a truth, therefore I have placed it here as worthy of the name of a *Notable thing*.

15. Whosoever shall use daily to take in a draught of small Ale, a spoonful of the Pouder of Matfellon-Scabious, the same will destroy an Imposthume within them. It hath been often proved. And *Antonius Musa* doth praise it for the like effect.

16. *Cleopatra*, the last Queen of *Ægypt*, and wife to *Marcus Antonius* Consul of *Rome* (a proud Princess, and too dainty a Dame) did drink one so Voluptuous a draught, as never any did before, nor I think will hereafter; for she dissolved in tart and strong Vinegar, the greatest and beautifullest Pearl that ever was seen in the East part of the world, and drunk the same at one draught, to satisfie her proud presumptuous pleasure withall; which Pearl was worth two hundred and fifty thousand Crowns. *Plinius*, *Macrob.* and others.

17. Out of the Fig-tree there comes such a sharp vapor, that if a Hen be hang'd thereon, it will so prepare her, that she will be soon and easily rosted. *Plut.* And the like will be if the feathers be pluckt off from Fowls, and then laid or cover'd a day or two in a heap of Wheat. It is confirmed by experience, saith *Mizaldus*.

18. The Professor of natural Magick affirms, that

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21. Take Sal Armoniac, Roch Allom, Allom Plume, Sal Gem, Tartar, and Roman Vitriol, of each equal parts; all which ſeverally made in fine pouder, mixt together, and diſſolve it in fair clear water; then put ſilver, or ſilver-plate therein, and let it lye, and ſet it over the fire, that it may be very hot; and you ſhall ſee that your ſilver or plate will be marvellous white and fair. *Mizald.*

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27. In the common place where the Cenſors of *Venice* ſit, there never enters any flies. *Gandeant. Mervia.* And in the fleſh Shambles of *Toledo*, a City in *Spain*, is not ſeen but one fly in all the whole year; as *Leo Papiſt.* ſaith. And in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, in the Timber-work, there is not to be found one Spider, or Spiders Web; becauſe (as it is thought) the Timber wherewith the Roof is built, was brought out of *Ireland*. I have not only heard it credibly told, that there is neither Spider, Toad, nor any other venomous thing: but alſo that ſome of the earth of that Country hath been brought hither, whereon a Toad being laid, ſhe hath dyed preſently. Tho' this be marvellous and ſtrange, yet it is true.

28. The juyce of ground Ivy, ſnuft up into the noſe out of a ſpoon or a ſaucer, purgeth the head marvellouſly, and takes away the greateſt and oldeſt pain thereof that is. This Medicine is worth gold, tho' it be very cheap. I have known them that have had marvellous pains in their Head, almoſt intollerable for the ſpace of a dozen years, and this help them preſently, and never had the pain ſince they took this Medicine.

29. This Medicine following will kill Worms in the belly, Take the Gall of an Ox or of a Cow, and ſo much of the flower of Lupines (which are to be had at the Apothecaries) as will thicken the ſame, mix them well together, and lay it on wool, and ſo plaiſter

Plaister it to his belly where the grief is, and about the Navel, and after twelve hours lay thereon another plaister. Do thus four or five days and it will help him.

30. How greatly is the sick party to be feared, or judged not to escape, if in the time of the question, or the first beginning of the sickness, both the Luminaries are under the earth, &c. *Iatromat. M. Gualt. Ryff. Argent.*

31 If hot burning gold be quenched in pure wine, (the same Wine being drunk) it procures strength to the chief members, and to the vital parts. And it makes strong the natural faculties, and doth help the diseased part, with strength and vital spirit. And this liquor is thought to be very good in the time of Plague. And if the same be mixed with a little Tarr, it doth quite put away from any place of the body, all spots, though they be never so foul. Yea it helps a leprous face, a red nose, and any other deformity of the same, if the place infected be washt and rubbed oftenimes therewith. *Lemnius.*

32. The water that drops out of the Vine, or the gum that is found there, being drunk with white Wine, doth break and expel the stones in the Reins marvellously; and also being rubbed upon Rings-worms, Tetters and leprous places; it doth cure them, but they must be rubbed before with Niter. This was told to *Mizaldus* as a proved thing.

33. If his spettle which hath a Consumption, being cast upon the coals doth stink, and the hair fall from his head, it is a sign of death. *Hyp.* in *Aphor.*

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34. There is a certain Electuary of Life, of *Arnoldus de Villa nova*, in a little Book of his of the putting back of old Age; describ'd of the five kinds of *Mirabolams*, made for the conserving and keeping of Health, and prolonging of Life; and it is a perfect and approved thing. For it doth not only comfort, but also it doth Purge superfluous Humors remaining of Nutriment past: and the use thereof doth let or hinder gray hairs, & it makes one come to the last old Age: It strengthneth the stomach, & the use thereof, maketh a good colour in all the body, and this is the description thereof. Take of great Raisons cleansed of their stones and stalks, two pounds; Liquorice made clean and beaten, one ounce; let these be put into two pounds and an half of fair water, and let them seeth well, and let them then be strained well, and in that which is strained, let there be put of Mirabolanes, Kebule, Citrine, and Indy, beaten in a Morter, their stones taken away, of each two ounces, of Embelick, and Belerick, of either of them two drams; Let them be sod, strained, or pressed, or well wrung: then put thereto white Sugar one pound, and seeth all together to the thickness of a Syrup, and in the end, add thereto of good Cinamon half an ounce, Cloves and Gallangal, of each two drams; Nutmeg, Marjoram, and Anni-seeds, of either one ounce: and make thereof an Electuary, and keep it in a pure Vessel. In this Electuary be Medicines of the principal Members (that is to say) to the Heart, Head, Stomach, Liver, Spleen, and of the generative Members; and it is first hot, after moist, then cold, and last dry. *Johannes Ganivetus* also describes it.

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35. Certain Worms that ſhine in the Night called Gloworms, being well ſtopped in a Glaſs, and covered within hot Horſedung ſtanding there a certain time, will be there diſſolved into a Liquor, which being mixt with the like proportion of Quickſilver, firſt cleanſed and purged, which will be within half a dozen times waſhing in pure Vine Vinegar, mixt with Bay-ſalt, which, after every waſhing and rubbing, muſt be caſt away, and then hot water put to the Quickſilver, and therewith waſh'd and then put and clos'd in a fair bright and pure glaſs, and ſo hanged up in the midſt of a houſe, or other place or room, will give ſuch a light in the dark, as the *Moon* doth when ſhe ſhines in a bright night. *Joh. Bap.*

36. A piece of a Childs Navel-ſtring, worn in a Ring, is good againſt the Falling-ſickneſs, the pains of the Head, and of the Collick. *Mizaldus.*

37. *Bapt. Fulgoſus* reports, That nigh to *Sirmonum*, a City of *Pamony*, ſometimes there hath been Tendrals of gold found in the Vine; whereof there hath been Money coyned, which many have ſeen, ſaith *Gandeut. Maruba*, in his time. And *Alexander Neapolitanus* ſaith, That he hath found in *Germany*, within *Danuby*, Vines that did bear little Nails, and Leaves of pure Gold; which were gave as Preſents to Kings and Dukes. *Mizaldus.*

38. The ſeeds of Roſes with Muſtard-ſeed, and the foot of a Weaſel, altogether tyed in ſomething, & hanged among the boughs or branches of a Tree that bears but little Fruit; it is ſaid, that it will make the Tree to bear well, and to be marvellous fruitful. *Mizaldus.*

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39. Pare the Nails of one that hath the Quartane Ague, which being put into a linnen Cloth, and ſo tyed about the neck of a quick Eel, and the ſame Eel put into the Water, Thereby the Ague will be driven away. *Giber. & Albert.*

40. If any liſt to ſleep, and lay by him the branches of moiſt Hemp, Gnats will not trouble him, nor come near him. *Mizaldus.*

41. Culver-dung, ſtampt and uſed for a Plaiſter with ſtrong Vinegar, and applied to the Navel, bindeth incontinently all fluxes of the belly. *Macer.*

42. The Root of a Gourd, tyed to the Reins of the Back of Women that are in Labour, or Travel of Child, doth cauſe ſpeedy deliverance thereof: But let it be taken away as ſoon as the Child doth come forth, leſt the Matrix go out after the Child. *Tortula de paſſionibus mulierum.*

43. Here followeth an Electuary of a wonderful virtue, in the time of Peſtilence, this Electuary is of ſo great vitue, in them that do receive it once in twenty four hours, that they may be free from all evil infections of corrupt and contagious airs, all the day after. But them that are infected already, and are taken with the Peſtilence, if they drink of it but one ſpoonful, as ſhall be ſaid here after, (eſpecially after letting of blood, if it be convenient to the Patient) and lay him down and ſweat upon the ſame, if the venome hath not utterly overcome the heart: he ſhall undoubtedly recover. It hath been lately proved, That after drinking of the ſaid Medicine, when the Patient made his water in an Urinal, the glaſs hath burſt in pieces by

by reaſon of the venome that it purged out. This is the making of the ſaid Electuary, Take Cinamon, one ounce: *Terra ſigillata*, ſix drams; fine Myrrh, three drams; Unicorns-horn, one dram; the ſeed and rine of Citron, Roots of Dittany, Burnet, Tormentil, Zedoary, red Coral, of each two drams; yellow Saunders, four Scruples, red Saunders, two ſcruples, white Been and red, flowers of Marigolds, of each one dram; Ivory raſed, Scabious, *Vencetoxici*, ſeed of Baſil, the bone of a Staggs-heart, Saffron, of each two ſcruples: make a fine Pouder, and add unto it of Bole-Armoniac prepared, two ounces; white Sugar three pound; & with a Syrup of *Acetoſitate Citri*, make a good Electuary, and keep it in a glaſs. If the Peſtilence cometh with great exceſs of heat, drink it in Roſe water and Vinegar: but if you feel it cold, take it in a draught of Wine, & cover you with cloaths, ſo that you may ſweat as long as is poſſible: for without doubt it is a preſent Remedy, as I my ſelf have now of late proved. Thus much *Thomas Phayre* in hit Treatiſe of the Peſtilence.

44. The teeth of a mad Dog, (that hath bitten a Man or Woman) tyed in Leather, and then hanged at the ſhoulder, doth preſerve and keep the Party that bears it from being bitten of any mad Dog. *Dioſcorides*, by the report of *Mizaldus*.

45. The Seeds of *Carduus Benedictus* ſtamped and drunk, doth help the grief, pains, prickings, and ſtitches of the ſide, and the griping in the Guts, and the lower parts of the Belly. This is proved for truth.

46. If any do ſprinkle his Head with the pouder

of a skin that a Snake doth caſt off, gotten or gathered when the *Moon* is in the Full, being alſo in the firſt part of *Aries*, the Ram, he ſhall ſee terrible and fearful dreams. And if he ſhall have it under the Soal of his Foot, he ſhall be acceptable before Magiſtrates and Princes. *Cardanus.*

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48. I worms gnaw upon, or hurt the mouth of the Stomach, put Honey-combs into the mouth faſting, and hold them there, and the Worms will draw unto the Honey, and ſo void by the mouth. It hath been proved.

49. If in the firſt beginning of any ſickneſs, or at the time of any queſtion for the ſick, if the *Moon* be Oriental; nigh to the *Sun*, within twelve degrees, it is ſign of death; and the nearer to the Sun, and in Combuſtion, the worſe. *Johannes Ganivetus.*

50. With this Secret following, *Benedictus Victorius* had always good ſucceſs in paſſions and griefs of the Heart: Take of the Juyce of Bugloſs cleans'd or putrifi'd at the fire, two ounces; white Sugar two drams: mix them together, and let the Patient or diſeaſed Party drink it every night going to bed; and there will not ten days paſs, but the Party will be cured of the paſſion or grief of the Heart.

51. This following is a notable tryed Medicine for the Gout, and for the ſwelling of Joynts, and for knobs and knots coming of the *French POX*, Take *May* Butter a quarter of a pound; half a pound of Cummin-ſeed beaten into fine pouder; a

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52. There be them (and truly with prov'd ſucceſs) that do hang Roots of Sorrel at their Necks for the Swine-Pox: and alſo in the like caſe Plantane. *Mizaldus.*

53. Whoſoever hath the bloody Flux (be it never ſo great or grievous) let them drink the Wine wherein the Roots of Hollihocks cut in pieces are ſodden and ſtrain'd. If the party have an Ague, then let the Roots be ſod in Water with ſome Plantain-leaves, and ſo ſtrained, which is an approved and ſure Medicine for that diſeaſe: whether the Party have an Ague or not.

54. If the Lord of the ſeventh Houſe be in the third or ninth houſe: and any evil Planet behold him; he that is then born will fall from ſome Building, or elſe he will dye of ſomething that ſhall fall upon him. *Ptolo.*

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49. If in the firſt beginning of any ſickneſs, or at the time of any queſtion for the ſick, if the *Moon* be Oriental; nigh to the *Sun*, within twelve degrees, it is ſign of death; and the nearer to the Sun, and in Combuſtion, the worſe. *Johannes Ganivetus.*

50. With this Secret following, *Benedictus Victorius* had always good ſucceſs in paſſions and griefs of the Heart: Take of the Juyce of Bugloſs cleans'd or putrifi'd at the fire, two ounces; white Sugar two drams: mix them together, and let the Patient or diſeaſed Party drink it every night going to bed; and there will not ten days paſs, but the Party will be cured of the paſſion or grief of the Heart.

51. This following is a notable tryed Medicine for the Gout, and for the ſwelling of Joynts, and for knobs and knots coming of the *French POX*, Take *May* Butter a quarter of a pound; half a pound of Cummin-ſeed beaten into fine pouder; a

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quarter of a pound of black Soap, one handful of Rue, half a handful of clarifi'd ſheeps-ſewet: ſtamp all theſe together in a Morter; then take the gall of an Ox, and a ſpoonful of Bay-ſalt, and fry them all together till it be thick; then lay it on a woolen cloth, and ſo apply it to the Ach, as hot as may be ſuffer'd, and let it lye unremoved a whole week; and then lay another Plaiſter thereof to it, and let it lye unremoved as long: then lay the third Plaiſter thereto, and let it lye thereto as the other, which will be the whole three weeks, and without doubt it will help him. I have ſeen it proved. This I had out of a very old Book.

52. There be them (and truly with prov'd ſucceſs) that dó hang Roots of Sorrel at their Necks for the Swine-Pox: and alſo in the like caſe Plantane. *Mizaldus.*

53. Whoſoever hath the bloody Flux (be it never ſo great or grievous) let them drink the Wine wherein the Roots of Hollihocks cut in pieces are ſodden and ſtrain'd. If the party have an Ague, then let the Roots be ſod in Water with ſome Plantain-leaves, and ſo ſtrained, which is an approved and ſure Medicine for that diſeaſe: whether the Party have an Ague or not.

54. If the Lord of the ſeventh Houſe be in the third or ninth houſe: and any evil Planet behold him; he that is then born will fall from ſome Building, or elſe he will dye of ſomething that ſhall fall upon him. *Ptolo.*

55. If you ſeeth Briony in Water, and uſe to drink the ſame, it helps and cureth them that have the Dropſie. Proved.

56. Marvellous and notable virtues of the Eye-bright do follow: Let the Leaves, Stalks and Flowers with the whole ſubſtance be deſtilled when it beareth flowers, the water thereof ſtilled, dropped, and ſtroaked about the Eyes, cauſeth clear Eyes and ſharpneth the ſight & ceaſeth the pains of the eyes: the Water dropped into the Eyes an hour before night, and ſtroaked about them, and drunk to the quantity of three ounces at one time, comforteth, ſtrengthneth, and preſerveth the ſight, eſpecially in aged perſons, and in flegmatick complexions. The Herb dry'd and brought to pouder, and eaten every day in a poached Egg, for a certain time, together, reſtoreth loſt ſight: the water mixed with half a dram of the pouder, and drunk every evening for a month together, recovereth a weak ſight.

57. This precious Medicine following, will bring forth a Canker, and pluck it up by the Roots, out of any ſore wherever it be, either in Man or Woman: Take Roſager, and make pouder thereof; then take Barrows or Hogs-greaſe that is new and freſh (firſt melted and after cold) then mix the pouder therewith very well; then put thereof upon a piece of white Leather, which may cover the Sore; then ſprinkle on the Plaiſter fine flower of pure Wheat; then on the ſame ſpread Honey, and then put upon the Honey Womans-milk, then put the ſaid Plaiſter upon the Sore where the Canker is, and put the nether Cruſt of a new white Loaf upon the Plaiſter, and tye it faſt upon the ſame that it remove not: and in the morning thou ſhalt find the Canker dead on the ſaid Plaiſter. This is moſt true. This I copied out of an old written Book.

58. Let

58. Let a Woman make water in a Urinal that is fair and clear, or rather new, upon certain corns of Barley: and ſet the ſame, in a cold place, for the ſpace of eight days, and if the ſaid Barley corns will grow again, or bring forth new Corn, then the fault is not in the Woman, that ſhe conceives not, but rather in the Man. If otherwiſe, then the let of conception is in her.

59. The juice of Lilly roots, and Vinegar of either like much, mixed together, and the ſawce fleam, or the red pimpled face anointed therewith every morning for the ſpace of nine or ten days, doth help it perfectly.

60. You ſhall know whethe the Dropſie be hot or cold, by this that followeth: if the ſwelling begin firſt at the feet, and go upward then it comes of a hot cauſe: If the ſwelling begin firſt in the face, and go downward, then it comes of a cold cauſe. This likewiſe I had out of an old written Book, wherein were many things credible.

61. Caſt the water of any ſick perſon, newly made at night, on red Nettles, and if the Nettles be withered and dead in the morning after, then the ſick party is like to dye of that diſeaſe, if they be green ſtill, then he is like to live.

62. A certain wicked fellow that killed his Father, did ſit in company with his companions, eating and drinking; over whoſe head was a Swallows Neſt, with young Swallows in the ſame, at which time the ſaid Swallows made a great noiſe, and chattering, when ſuddenly the ſaid wicked fellow got a pole, and burſt the Swallows Neſt; whereby the Swallows fell down, and he trod on them,

and cruſhed them in pieces. Being asked of one of them, why he did ſo? I have good cauſe ſo to do, ſaid he; for did you not hear, ſaid he, how they told that I killed my Father: whereupon he was ſuſpected, examined, and ſo confeſſed, and therefore executed, *Plutarchus.*

63. Dry a Goat, Sheep, or Neats bladder, and make pouder thereof, and let them drink thereof with Vinegar or Water when they go to bed, that cannot hold their Water, and it will help them. *Galen* affirms this.

64. To kill Serpents in your dream, ſignifies victory: to ſee Sails of Ships is evil: to dream that all your Teeth are bloody, it ſignifies the death of the Dreamer: but that the Teeth are drawn out, ſignifies the death of another: that Birds enter into an houſe, ſignifies loſs: to weep, betokens joy; to handle money ſignifies anger: to ſee dead horſes, ſignifies a lucky event of thing. *Artemidorus.*

65. You ſhall make a Sword, Knife, or any other Inſtrument to have an excellent edge, if you do as followeth. Put into a pound of the Urine of a young man, as much Soot as you may take in your hand, puting thereto four Ounces of the Oyl of Linſeed: all being mixt together, let them ſeeth on the Fire, and between the beating and ſtriking of the Sword or Knife, while it is red or burning hot, quench it in this mixture, and according to Art, let it be well tempered. *Mizaldus.*

66. If you ſtamp Lupines (which are to be had at the Apothecaries) and therewith rub round about the bottom or lower part of any tree, no Ants or Pyſmires will go up and touch the ſame tree. *Mizaldus.*

67. If

67. If *Mercury* (being Lord of the ſixth houſe) impedite of *Saturn*, it threatens to the child then born, continual blindneſs, and ſo much the more if the Moon behold the Sun and *Saturn* in that ſort. *Tayſnier.*

68. Rub the leaf of a Marigold between your fingers, and put the ſame into your noſe, and let it ſtay there a little while: and it will bring forth abundance of humours out of your head, and it will the rhume within a little while, if you uſe it. This I had of a friend as an excellent ſecret.

69. The eating of two drams of great Rayſons, the ſtones taken out) in the morning faſting, doth profit for concerning youth, becauſe they make better digeſtion, and flegm is diminiſh'd by them, they comfort the Liver, and make it fat, becauſe they are friends of the Somach and of the Liver, and they increaſe blood and make it thick, and when they are taken after meat, they ſtrengthen and moiſten the belly. *Johan. Ganivet.*

70. The eyes be not only inſtruments of enchantment, but alſo the voice and evil tongues of certain perſons; for there are found in *Africk*, as *Gellius* ſaith, Families of men, that if they chance exceedingly to praiſe fair trees, pure ſeeds, goodly children, excellent horſes, fair and well liking cattle, ſoon after they will wither and pine away, and ſo dye. No cauſe or hurt known of their withering or death, Thereupon the cuſtom came, that when any do praiſe any thing, that we ſhould ſay, God bleſs it or keep it. *Ariſt.* in *Prob.* By the report of *Mizaldus.*

71. Stop both your ears with your fingers and

the Hickop will go away within a while. Proved.

72. Many that are born at that time, when the earth doth quake, are always fearful: in the time of Thunder, they are for the moſt part faint and fearful: in the time of the change of the Moon, either they live not long, or elſe they be weak, and oftentimes, as *Ariſtotle* ſaith, are Melancholick: which makes them to be wayward, fretting, and ſeldom merry. *Mizaldus.*

73. If *Mercury* be conjunct with *Saturn*, or in an evil Aſpect of him, and neither *Jupiter* nor any other good Planet doth behold *Mercury*, it doth note, that they then born, ſhall have an impediment in their tongue, or ſhall ſtutter; chiefly if it be found above the earth. *Taiſnier.*

74. The roots of Eldern ſod, and ſtrained, and drunk thirty days together, thrice every day at morning, noon and night, doth cure the Dropſie perfectly. Proved.

75. If the paps of a woman, which is with child of two, do wax little, ſhe ſhall loſe one of them, and if it be the right Pap, it is a man child that will be loſt: and if it be the left, a woman child. *Hippocrates* in *Aphor.*

76. Take Garlick, and Houſlick, of each a like much, and ſtamp them both together, and plaiſter the ſame either to a hot or cold Gout: and it will help and eaſe it marvellouſly. This was reported to me to be excellent therefore.

77. The flower of Oyntments, called *Flos unguentorum*, is made as followeth. Take of Rozin, and Perroſin, of each half a pound, Virgin Wax, and

and Olybanum, of either a quarter of a pound, Maſtick one ounce, Harts tallow, or Sheeps tallow, a quarter of a pound, Champhire two drams: make your Gums in fine pouder, and ſear them: then melt the Wax and Tallow, and mix the Pouders therewith well, and boyl them well together, then ſtrain it thorow a Canvas bag into a pottle of white Wine; then let it keel, until it be blood warm, then put thereto the Champhire & a quarter of a pound of Turpentine, by little and little, evermore ſtirring it well, till it be thorow cold: then make it up in rowles, and keep it to your uſe, for the beſt Salve for all things following that ever was made, by the ſufferance of God. Wherefore eſteem of this Salve above any other, for it hath been put in experience, and ſubſtantially proved: It heals wounds, old and new, it cleanſeth very well & gathereth good fleſh. It healeth Head-ach, and Impoſthume in the Head, or in the Body: Swoln Ears or Cheeks, Sawsfleams in the Face, Sinews cut, ſterk, or ſprained in travel: It draws out Iron and Thorn: It helps venemous biting and pricking, it healeth all manner of botches, all ſwelling and ach in the Cods, and all other Members: it ceaſes the flux of the Emrods, and it is ſpecial good to make Sear-cloth, for all manner of griefs. This was written and caſt into the Recluſe or Ancyor, at the Red hill in *Almain*, wherewith he wrought many marvels, and never uſed any other Medicine but this. This I Coppied of a very old Book: and I have proved it many time to be precious.

78. When the *Amuten* or the Lord of the Aſcendent is infortunate in his fall, or combuſt with three other

other teſtimonies or elſe two? It ſignifies that the ſick perſon ſhall dye: And it is ſo much the worſe if he be under the beams of the Sun. *Jatromath. Gualt. Ryff.*

79. Whoſoever hath the grief or ſwelling of the Spleen never ſo much, and hath had it of a long time, and doth heat the ends of a pair of Tongs in the fire, until they be glowing and red hot, and then quencheth the ſame in half a pint of white wine, and drink the ſame Wine: It will help them thereof perfectly. This was credibly told me for very truth. But it is more certain, if they be ſo heated and quenched five or ſix times, and then drunk: and to take the ſame four or five mornings together. Which I know to be excellent: the like unto this is affirmed to be moſt true, and proved by *Anthony Benevenius.*

80. It is a great token of Health, when the ſtones or Cods begin to itch, though the other parts of the body be very weak. But then take heed of Venerous acts, leaſt you pay for your pleaſure. *Mizaldus.*

81. Coriander ſeed made in pouder, and mixt with Honey, and implaiſtred upon a Carbuncle, or other grievous Biles, deſtroys the ſame quite. *Arnoldus de Villa nova.*

82. The black Sea-cole, mixed with Oyle, will be made ſoft. Wherewith if one anoint Vines, it will deſtroy worms, which deſtroy or eat the buds of the Vines. *Severinus Gebeleus.*

83. The gum of a Cherry diſſolved in white wine & ſo given to them that are grieved with the ſtone it will help them marvellouſly. *Mizaldus* affirms that

that it is very certain, and often proved.

84. It was credibly told me for a truth, that there was a very poor woman being brought to bed of a Child, having many children before; to whom a ſiſter of hers (being rich, and that never as yet had any Child) came to ſee her, who ſaid as followeth. Ah Siſter, Siſter, here are mouths and little meat. To whom the poor Siſter anſwered; Content your ſelf Siſter, God never ſends mouths, but he ſendeth meat. After it chanced the rich Siſter was with Child; which, when it was born, had never a mouth. So that there was much meat, and no mouth. A worthy and rare example, to make all covetous, greedy and careful worldlings, to caſt their whole care on the Lord, and not ſo to depend on their own proviſion or worldy wealth. If it were not for the great goodneſs of God, we ſhould have no more meat for our mouths, then this womans Child had a mouth for meat. But if we have both mouths and meat, and lack good ſtomachs for the ſame, what are we the near; So that both mouth and meat, and ſtomach, are not in our wills to have when we liſt, but are God's gifts, to beſtow as he will.

85. *Hermes* ſaith, if in the Nativity of the Husband, *Venus* be combuſt, the Wife ſhall die before the Husband. If in the Nativity of the Wife *Mars* be combuſt, the Husband ſhall dye before the Wife.

86. Water or Wine, where in Walwort is ſod (if a good draught thereof be drunk every day firſt and laſt, for the ſpace of twenty days at the moſt,) doth perfectly help them that have the Dropſie. It

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is an excellent Medicine for the ſame.

87. Caſt or inſtill certain drops of Baulm into clear Water, and then, with a ſtick, labour well the Water, and if the Water then be troubled, the Baulm is not perfect. But if the Water abide clear, the ſame is good, and perfect Baulm, For the good and true Baulm, doth gather it ſelf always into one place. And thus you may perfectly try a true and good Baulm, from a falſe and Sophiſticate Baulm.

88. If the root of Piony (eſpecially of the male Piony) be hanged at the neck of a child or a boy, that hath the Falling-ſickneſs, it doth help very much. Likewiſe doth Pellitory, and the hair of a dog that is black.

The End of the Fourth Book.

The Fifth Book.

1.

A Mare will bring forth a Foal of divers colors, if ſhe be covered with a cloth of divers colors while ſhe is taking the Horſe; For ſuch colors as be before the eyes of the Horſe, while he doth Horſe her, without doubt, the Foal will be of the ſame colors. The ſame may be proved with Dogs and other beaſts. *Mizaldus.*

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2. The Berries of *Halicacabus* (call'd Winter Cherries) being ſtampt, and the juyce preſt or wrung out of the ſame, and then dryed in the ſhadow: (theſame) if it be given to ſuch as have the Stone, or cannot make water, and alſo to them that have the Dropſie, it will prove Urine, or drive forth the Water, and alſo expel the Hydropical humours. *Mizaldus.*

3. *Hortus Apollo*, doth ſay that a Wolf doth greatly fear ſtones: therefore when he is conſtrained to go by ſtony places, he treads very demurely or ſoftly. For being hurt with a very little ſtroke of a ſtone, it breeds worms, whereof at length he is conſumed, or brought to his death. Therefore he doth fly from a Traveller that lays wait to ſtrike him with ſtones.

4. If the *Moon* and *Venus* be joyn'd together, and both be combuſt: he that is then born ſhall lack a wife, or never marry. *Ptolomeus.*

5. If the leaves of Eldern, firſt made hot between two Tile-ſtones, and then applyed hot to the forehead and the temples, if any pain lye there: it helpeth the Ach of the Head marvellouſly. This is very good and well proved.

6. Here followeth a marvellous water to provoke ſleep, take of *Opium Thebaicum*, and Garlick heads pulled, of each two ounces, beat the Garlick heads in a Mortar, with a wooden Peſtil, and put thereto the *Opium* grinded: incorporate theſe well together, that it may be like a ſawce. Diſtil this in a retort, with a moſt ſoft and ſlow fire in aſhes; with this Water diſtill'd, when need ſhall require, anoint the Temples, the Forehead, and

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Pulſes of the Wriſts. And beware you miniſter, nor uſe this, but upon great neceſſity, and on frantick Perſons (as you ſhall think it good.)

7. The Juyce of the Buds, Leaves, inner-Rind, or of the young Branches of Elder (ſomething warm) put into the Ear, doth not only break the Impoſthume thereof, in four our five times uſing, but alſo doth marvellouſly help the Deafneſs. This was told me for a great Secret; and I have tryed it to be an excellent thing in ſuch a caſe.

8. To ſee Monks in ones dream, doth portend death, or calamity: To ſee fat Oxen, betokens plenty of all things: To loſe an Eye or a Tooth, ſignifies the death of a Friend, or of a kinſman, or ſome other evil luck: To dream to be Dumb, foreſhews ſpeedy gladneſs: To ſee Oxen plow, betokens gain: To enter into Waters; betokens evil. *Artemidorus.*

9. This following, makes a ſoft beard, and doth beautifie the Chin with fine Hair: Take Butter without Salt, The Juyce of a red Onyon, the greaſe of a Gray, or a Badger, the Root or Briony, Beets, Radiſh, and of white Lillies; whereof make a Liniment, and anoint the Chin therewith, being ſhaven. *Mizaldus.*

10. Put up an old Gander in a houſe, and let him be there three days without meat, then caſt unto him pieces of an Eel, newly killed; then gather the Dung that comes from him, after he hath eaten the pieces of an Eel; which dung being laid to any Impoſthume or Swelling, is a preſent Remedy therefore.

11. He that ſleepeth in a Sheep-skin, ſhall ſee true

true Dreams, or Dream of things that be true.

12. The brain of a Weasel dried, and drunk with Vinegar, doth help them that have the Falling-sickness. *Mizaldus.*

13. *Jupiter*, and *Venus*, or one of them in the eight House, and combust, not retrograde, doth signifie the Child then born, shall dye a natural and no violent death. *Taysner.*

14. Take a little Stick, and tye about the end thereof, old Oaken-leaves; then cut them something round, and hold the same leaves, in your mouth, as deep, and as far as you may suffer it well (holding the stick between your teeth) and so hold your mouth over a Porringer, or a Dish, and there will great abundance of Humours avoid out of your mouth; and within a while, wash in fair Water the said Leaves on the Stick, and then hold it in your mouth so again. Do this for the space of half an hour, and use this three or four times a day for three or four days together, or until you have avoided as much watery Humours as you think good. This is the best and presentest Remedy for helping of the Rheum, that ever I knew or heard of. I had it of a Gentleman, that esteemed it as a Treasure. And whosoever proves it, shall find it an excellent thing.

15. This following is an excellent Gargarism to purge the Head and the Breast. Take of Staves-acre three drams; Pellitory of *Spain*, and Mustard-seed, of each two drams; long Pepper, Ginger, and Allomgem, of each one dram: Make pouder of them that are to be poudered, and stamp the rest, and mix all well together, and put as much thereof as a Bean

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in a little linnen cloth, and tye the ſame faſt with a thread, that it may be round; then hold the ſame in your mouth, and champ it ſoftly between your teeth, and you will bring forth Water and Flegm abundantly. Uſe this daily until you think your Head be well purged.

16. Earth-worms ſlit and cleanſed, and waſht from their ſlimy and Earthly matter (half a dozen of them, at the leaſt) and cut in pieces or chopped, and a good Meſs of Pottage made thereof, made with Oatmeal and Water, and ſo much every day eaten by them that have the black Jaundice, for the ſpace of Twelve days or longer: no doubt it will perfectly cure them thereof, though it be never ſo long rooted, or thought it be paſt cure. Or elſe a ſpoonful of the Pouder made of them, in *March*, or any other time, when you can get them; taken every day ſo long, in a little draught of any drink, doth perfectly cure the ſame. This is very true, and hath been oftentimes proved. It hath helpt ſome, in four or five days.

17. *Olibanum* (which is a kind of *Frankincenſe*) in pouder, mixed with as much Swines-greaſe, and boyled together, wherewith if Childrens-heads that are full of Lice, or that are given to breed Lice, be anointed, they ſhall afterwards be free from Lice. This is better and more ſafe then to uſe Oyntments mixt with Quick-ſilver, which is very dangerous: therefore let Mothers, or Nurſes rather uſe this.

18. Whereas every Beaſt (the act of generation ended or done) is wont to be ſad: only the Cock rejoyceth, for he ſheweth his gladneſs then, by crowing.

19. If

19. If *Mars* be in the eighth House, and in a human sign, or in the second face of *Taurus*, or in the first face of *Leo*, it doth shew the Child then born shall dye of Iron, *Tayſnier*.

20. It is proved by experience, that to use combustibly in the dinner, and immediately before supper, half an ounce of the flower of Cassia, newly drawn, doth forbid the ingendring of imposthumation of the stomach. Truly I say unto thee, that who doth use such taking of Cassia, shall be preserved from every evil affection of the stomach; *Emperica Bened.*

21. Wine of the decoction of Tormentil, drunk daily without any other drink and the herb thereof sodden, and every evening plaistered over the eyes, the space of three or four moneths or more, restoreth the sight; yea, to those that have their eyes as though they did see, and yet are blind, and see nothing at all, *Petrus Hispanus.*

22. *Andreas Matheolus*, knew a Woman, that every day, for a whole years space, was grievously troubled with the pains of the Mother, which was helped very well of that disease, by drinking once a week at her going to bed, of white Wine, wherein an ounce of the root of Briony was heated: and she using this Medicine a whole year in such sort, she felt no more harm thereof.

23. If you will destroy or put away Warts, cut off the head of a quick Eele, and rub the Warts all over well with the same blood then as it runs from the Eele: then bury the Head of the said Eele deep in the Ground, and when the head is rotten, then they will fall away. I think the Author here-

of is, *Johannes Baptista Porta. Mizaldus.*

24. About the rising of the little Dog (being in Summer) an old Cock doth lay an Egge, round speckled, and of divers colours: whereof many do think that the Basyliske, or Cockatrice doth come (which is a most pernitious, and venemous Serpent,) especially if that Egg be sat upon and hatched by a Toad: which whether it be a Fable or not, let others judge, *Mizaldus.*

25. *Mars* in the eighth House, with the head of the Dragon, betokens that the Child then born shall dye of a roap, or be hanged. *Tayson.*

26. The Juice of Coleworts, put or snuft into the Nostrils, doth purge the Head marvelous well, and help the ancient pain of the Head. Often proved.

27. Black Sieges like to filthy blood are wonderful evil, whether they be with an Ague or without an Ague. And the darker colour they have, the worse they be: but if these signs come through a Purgation, they be more laudable. And although they be of divers colours, they be not evil. *Hypocrates.*

28. This following is an ecellent, and often proved thing for the Colick, Strangury, and the Stone, take the seed of Caraway, Fennel-seed, Spicknard, Annis-seed, of Cummin-seed, Cinamon, and Gallingale: of each half an ounce, Gromel-seed, and Liquorice, of either of them an ounce, and beat them all to powder, and drink half a spoonful of the same powder in Ale, a little warmed, and walk up and down an hour after, before you eat or drink any other thing. Do thus five or

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ſix days together at leaſt, and you ſhall find it of a notable operation. This was taken out of a learned practiſers book: beſides, ſince it hath many times been proved.

29. Young Children whoſe Gums are anointed with the Brain of an Hare, doth breed their Teeth, eaſily. *Mizald.* And it hath been proved with the brain of a Coney.

30. A Walnut put faſt into a Chicken, that it fall not out in the roaſting thereof; it makes that the ſame Chicken will be the ſooner roaſted. *Mizaldus.*

31. If a round large Veſſel, with one hole in the top thereof be filled full with quick Lime and Brimſtone, of both equal portions, and the hole well ſtopt, that no Air nor any thing may go out, and ſo put in ſome ſtanding Water; or a little pit of water, or into ſome Ciſtern full of water, it will keep the ſaid water hot a long time, or for many dayes. Proved of many, ſaith *Mizaldus.* And I found the ſame alſo in an old written Book.

32. Hens Dung mixt with meat that is given to be eaten of mad Dogs, will take away their madneſs from them: (as it is thought.) *Mizal.*

33. If any one take two Pound of the Oyl of Tinder, and the like quantity of Gunpowder aſhes, mix therewith a quart of Touchwood-water, what quantity of mettle you touch with it, let it be ſilver, Lead, Iron, or any other mettle, it will turn it all into Gold in four and twenty hours time, it hath the ſame quality with it as the Philoſophers ſtone, this is credibly reported for truth by *Ryben Rubges* Chym.

34. If *Mars* be in *Gemini*, and the *Sun* in *Pisces*, in a Quartile Aſpect, in the day time, or the Moon in the night time: it doth ſignifie that the Child then born, will be hanged. *Tayſn.*

35. They that uſe to receive three Pills made of Aloes *de ſucco citrino*, made in powder, (which is to be had at the Apothecaries) and mix with the Juice of Colworts, of the bigneſs of a Bean, ſhall never be troubled with pain in the head, *Pet. Hiſp.*

36. A ſtrange Medicine for the Gout. Take a good handful of Arſmart, and wrap and tye the ſame in a Bur leaf, and lay it firſt in cold aſhes, then compaſs the ſame with hot Embers and Coals, and ſo roaſt the ſame well: then apply the ſame roaſted Arſmart to the grieved place, and do this evening and morning for two or three days: and thou ſhalt find a preſent help thereof. This was told me for a great ſecret, and as a proved thing.

37. If you put or ſtop faſt within a Nut, quick Brimſtone, Salt-peter, and Quick-ſilver, the ſame being put into a Loaf of Bread, and then the ſame Loaf put into ſome hot place, you ſhall ſee the Loaf of bread ſo leap, that it will be pretty ſport to them that ſee it, *Mizal.* had this of one that proved it.

38. A moſt excellent Oyl of S. *Johns* Wort, is made as followeth, Infuſe or ſteep for the ſpace of three days, the tops of Saint *John's* Wort, in pure and excellent Wine, then in a double Veſſel, let them heat eaſily over the fire, and then ſtrain them eaſily: then again put as many of the tops of Saint *John's* Wort in that ſtrained liquor, as you had before,

fore, and let them ſteep therein three days or three nights, as before, then heat and ſtrain them as before, then add thereto three ounces of Turpentine, and ſix ounces of old Oyl, and of Saffron the weight of xxij barley corns: mix all together and then ſeeth all together in a double Veſſel, until the Wine be conſumed, and that that remains put into a glaſen or leaden Veſſel, and keep it ſafely for your uſe. This Oyl is of a marvellous vertue and property, as well chiefly againſt venomous Ulcers, as many other Diſeaſes and cold greifs: well known to many Women. *Mizaldus.*

39. If you rub ſlightly any kind of Beaſts or Cattel, with the Juice of Gourds in hot weather, no kind of Flies will then hurt, or moleſt them, nor yet annoy them. A thing deſired of many, and very neceſſary for ſuch as ride in the hot weather. *Mizaldus.*

40. If *Mars* be oppoſite to *Jupiter*, and the one of them be the Lord of the eighth houſe: it is like the child then born, ſhall die by the commandment of the Judge. *Tayſn.*

41. The Leaves of wild Ivy ſod in Wine, and laid upon any Canker, doth kill and heal the ſame, *Tortula.*

42. This water following is very precious for Frantick and Mad-men, proved very often. Take the Flowers of Roſemary, of Burrage, and of the Root of Bugloſs, of each half a pound, of Saffron two drams, of Quincies four ounces, of the beſt white Wine two pints, mix them all together, and then let them ſtand ſo, for the ſpace of a natural day: after that bury the Glaſs body wherein all

the ſame Is in Horſe Dung for fifteen days: and then take it out, and Diſtil a Water thereof, according to Art, two or three times over: Keep this water as the Apple of your Eye, for it is very precious, and will prove in all Melancholy ſicknesſes very effectnouſly, and in the pain and trembling of the heart, the quantity to be given at one time is a Dram, which is the weight of lxxij barley corns: If you will prove it, you will praiſe it. And this is the Jewel of health, with many other more excellent things.

43. They are not like to loſe their ſenſes, nor their underſtanding, in whoſe Nativity, the *Moon* doth apply to *Mercury*, either by Conjunction or Aſpect, *Jatromath*, *Argent.*

44. Set a round Glaſs full of water, againſt the hot Sun, that it may ſtand faſt, and then hold ſome thing that is very dry, and it will take fire very eaſily nigh to the ſame Glaſs, between the Glaſs and the Sun, and it will ſet the ſame thing there holden, on fire. Which is very ſtrange to behold. And the rather, becauſe fire, a hot and dry Element is procured out of Water, a cold and moiſt Element, *Johannes Baptiſt. Porta.*

45. *Didimus* doth write: that Sheep are wont to follow them that ſtop their Ears with their Wool.

56. Againſt the Quartane Ague, take all the Urine that the party makes at one time in his fit, & knead Flower therewith: and when the ſame is baked, then give it to a Dog of the ſame Houſe: and when you have done this thrice, the Party will be whole, and rid of that diſeaſe: And in his ſtead, the

the Dog will be ſick. But for a man that is ſick, a Dog muſt be choſen, if a Woman, a Bitch muſt be had. This was taken out of an often proved Experiment of an *Italian*, by the report of *Mizaldus*.

47. Whoſoever deſires to ſee the *Sun* Eclipſed, without hurting their Eyes: let them behold the ſhadow thereof in a Veſſel, where Oyl is put: Where they may behold and ſee it without danger; for a fatty humour is not eaſily troubled. And what ſhapes or forms it doth receive, it repreſenteth the ſame truly, *Mizaldus*.

48. A Lamen, or thin plate of Gold, born on the ſeam of the brain, doth ſtrengthen the brain. The ſame hanged againſt the region or place of the heart, doth help the beating of the heart, and encreaſeth gladneſs. And if it be put upon the reins of the back, it ſtrengthens the reins, and cools the ſame, and ceaſeth pains of the back. But *Mizaldus* wiſheth that the ſame plate be beaten, and made of pure and fine Gold, when the Sun is in *Leo*, called the Lyon: and *Jupiter*, and the Moon beholding each other happily. *Herm. Arnold. Villa novanus & alii*.

49. If the Lord of the Horoſcope be in the ſeventh Houſe combuſt, and the Sun hath no Eſſential Dignity in the ſame: he that is then born ſhall periſh by the hands of many, which will riſe againſt him. But if the Sun then have any power in the Eleventh Houſe, he ſhall dye by the Kings commandment, *Taysnier*.

50. It is proved, and a Secret. That if three Grains of Maſtick be given to the Patient, to

be ſwallowed every night at his going to bed it doth preſerve him from the pains in the Stomach, and doth cure him, *Emperica Benedicti Victorii.* I know by proof, it helps the Stomach marvelloufly.

51. This Water following breaks the Stone in the bladder, and in the Reins. Take of the juice of Saxifrage, two pints, of Gromel, and of the juice of Parcely of either one pint, of the beſt Vinegar of pleaſant Wine, eight ounces; diſtill all theſe together, and let the Liquor Diſtilled be kept in a Glaſs with a narrow mouth: Of which miniſter in the morning an ounce at a time, as much at noon and as much at evening going to bed. This is a proved Water, as ſaith *Fumanellus.*

52. To dream that Eagles fly over your head, doth betoken evil fortune. To dream that you ſee your face in water, ſignifies longer Life. To follow Bees, betokens gain or profit: To be married, ſignifies that ſome of your kinsfolks is dead: To dream that you worſhip God, ſignifies gladneſs: To look in a glaſs, doth portend ſome iſſue or a Child: to have Oyl poured upon you, ſignifies joy, *Michael Scotus* and *Artimidorus.*

53. If you would have Copper to melt quickly and run eaſily, put the Hoofs of a Horſe into the ſame betwen the melting and pouring out thereof, *Mizald.* had this Secret of an expert *Italian.*

54. Goats will not ſtray nor wander, if you cut off their Beards, *Florent.*

55. If you put a Toad in a new Earthen pot, and the ſame be cover'd in the Ground in the midſt

of

of a Corn-field, it is ſaid there will be no hurtful tempeſts or ſtormes there: *Archibius* did write unto *Antiochus* King of *Spira*, *Plinio Authore*.

56. If the Lord of the Eighth Houſe be found in the Twelfth Houſe, with an evil Planet, or in his evil Aſpect, it ſhews the Child then born will die a captive, (that is) in Priſon, or as one that doth fly away, *Tayſn*

57. Whoſoever anoints his belly with this ointment following, it eaſeth the pain of the Head, it purgeth the Stomach, it comforteth the Appetite, and clarifieth the Eyes. Take of the Juice of Smallege two ounces, of the Juice of Mercury four Ounces of Gooſe greaſe and Hens-greaſe, of each of them a pound, of Rozen two ounces, of Maſtick, & Frankincenſe, of each five Drams, of *Caſſia Fiſtula* two Drams, and put thereto juice of Walwort and of the inner rind of Eldern, and mix them all well together, and make thereof an Ointment. This if it be well made, is a very good thing.

58. The Squinancy, or any other pain of the Throat will be helpt, with this following; Mark where a Swine doth rub him, and then rub your hand on the ſame wood, poſt, or ſtone, with which hand rub your ſore or ſwoln Throat, and as ſome ſay that have proved it, cut off a piece of the ſame wood, where the Swine did rub himſelf, and rub the ſwoln or grieved place therewith. But the rubbing of the Swines neck, is the beſt for the neck; the Leg for the Leg, and ſo that part of the Swine, for the like part of the perſon, grieved or diſeaſed. This is a very true, and often proved Thing.

59. Take

59. Take a pint of white Wine, one handful of Woodbine-leaves, or two or three ounces of the water of Woodbine, and a quarter of a pound of the pouder of Ginger: seeth them altogether until they be something thick, and anoint a red pimpled face therewith five or six times, and it will make it fair. Proved.

94. *Ludovicus Vives* doth write. That within the memory of his Anceſtors or Fathers, there was a Sepulchre or Tomb pluckt up, wherein a burning Candle was found, made (as was witneſſed by writing) five hundred years before. And when it was touched or handled, by and by it was diſſolved into pouder, *Johannes Langius.*

60. If you would have a deep well made, it is beſt to dig the ſame when the *Sun* is in the laſt part of *Virgo*, before the Autumnal Equinoctial, (which is about the beginning of *September*) or immediately after; for then through the great heat and drineſs of the *Summer*, the Earth wants Rain. *Mizaldus* had this of one that was skillful in ſuch things, which was a Maſter Carpenter.

61. If any be bitten or ſtricken of a Scorpion, which ſhall eat Baſil the ſame day, he ſhall be made whole thereof, *Aphri.* reports it.

62. If any falls ſick in the hour of the *Sun*, he will have a ſtrong Feaver or Ague: And many times ſhall be vexed in his mind, which ſhall bring no ſmall hurt unto him. *Halay. Abenragel.*

63. The Juice of Coriander, given to them that have the Falling-ſickneſs, to drink, will not ſuffer the Humor to aſcend into the head, and it worketh great help to the diſeaſed. This was written in an old Book. 64.

64. Whosoever is brought weak, either by some grievous sickness or disease, or long continuance, or by Wounds received, or any other way, and thereupon have a siege of Melancholy, like to black blood, he shall doubtless die the next day after, *Hipocrates in suis Aphor.*

65. A Saws fleam or red pimpled face, is helpt with this Medicine following: Take *Ennula Campana* four ounces; and seeth it with Vinegar, till the Vinegar be sodden in; then stamp it small, and then put thereto Quicksilver and Brimstone, of either four drams, and barrows-grease, four ounces; beat them altogether, and make thereof a Plaister, and lay it to the Infected or spotted place in the Face all night; and on the morrow wash it off with warm water. Do this six or seven nights, and it will help it without doubt.

66. The first seeds that the He, or Male Piony, brings forth (being round and black) do marvellously recreate, or help them that have the Falling-sickness: If some thereof be stampt and taken with *Oximel Scillitic*, which is to be had at the Apothecaries; and with the Syrup of *Stœcados*, and a little Nutmeg: which *Lemnius* doth witness for a very truth.

67. Whosoever is strucken or hurt of any venomous worm, or other thing; or else bitten with a mad Dog; let them take heed diligently, that the same thing that did hurt them, see them not until they be perfectly whole. For the Hebrew Physicians say, that the Party hurt, shall then dye, or else be in peril afresh; yea, though they begin to wax whole when they see them, *Mizaldus.*

68. Our

68. One handful of Basil, with ten Sea-crabs, stampt or beaten together, doth make all the Scorpions to come to that place, that are nigh to the same, *Aphri.* as *Mizaldus* saith.

69. If the Lord of the Eighth House, be afflicted in the Fourth House, it signifies the Child then born shall dye in Prison, *Taysn.*

70. Wine, wherein the Rind of an Ash-tree hath been sodden, drunk fasting, six or seven mornings together, do perfectly help them that are tormented with the pain of the Spleen, (which makes one to have a great pain in the left side, and their most grief is after meat.) And if you anoint the grieved place, so long with an Oyntment, called *Dealthea*, every morning and evening, it is an excellent thing likewise.

71. Behold a singular Oyl or Balm drawn out of Wax and Turpentine, which dryeth, and mightily pierceth where the same is applyed, taken out of the secret of *Fallopius.* Take of the purest and cleerest Turpentine that can be gotten, one pound and two ounces: of new yellow wax, that is Odiferous, twelve ounces; of Nutmegs and Cloves of each one ounce: of common Ashes six ounces: beat all these well together, then put them into a Retort, fenced with Lute of Wisdom, and set in Ashes, and distil it with a slow fire at the first, and afterwards encrease the fire until all be distilled, which gathered, distil the second time, in a Glass-body with an head and receiver, putting unto it before the distilling four ounces of the pouder of Brick, or Tiles: which diligently Luted in the Joints, maintaining fire under it, until no more will

will come; then have you purchaſed an Oyl of Rubine colour, which worketh Miracles in Wounds, eſpecially where ſinews be harmed. This alſo helpeth any manner of Rheum proceeding of a cold Cauſe; it helpeth alſo the Cough, by anointing the Region of the Breaſt therewith: And it is alſo of great importance unto many other griefs; invented and proved by the Author many times. This excellent Oyl I had out of that worthy Book, called the new Jewel of Health; which many perhaps ſhall read in this my Book, that otherwiſe ſhould never have ſeen that Book, which makes me deſcribe herein ſome notable things therein utter'd.

72. A notable and proved Plaiſter, to deſtroy any impoſthume, ſwelling, and ſtitch, in what place of the Body ſoever it be, is now deſcribed as followeth: Take of the Root of Hollihock, (clean waſh'd and cut in pieces) two good handfuls, and ſeeth the ſame in fair water, until the ſaid Root be ſomething tender; then take out the ſaid Root, and put into the ſame water, of Fenugrick and Linſeed, of each one handful (ſomething ſtamped and bruiſed) and ſeeth them together until the water be roaping like birdlime; then ſtamp the ſaid Root of Hollihock, and put it to the Fenugreek and Linſeed, with an handful of Barly-meal, and fry them together with Boars greaſe, and Barrows-greaſe; and if need be you may take ſheep-ſewet, then lay a Plaiſter thereof to the ſore, or grieved place, as hot as the party may ſuffer it: And let the ſame Medicine lye on the Sore twelve hours unremoved at the leaſt, then apply another Plaiſter of the ſame thereto, in ſuch order, and within

nine

nine Plaisters it will work the full effect. It hath helpt, and dissolved the Pleurisie, with the applying of three or four plaisters. A thing of small cost and great vertue.

73. When the Lord of the Ascendent is impedite or unfortunate of the Lord of the second House, it signifies the sick shall not be healed, and with great expence of money, or else dye. And universally, mark what Planet doth infortunate the Lord of the Ascendent, the sick is like to have harm, or hindrance by such things, as that House doth signifie, whereof that infortunating Planet is the Lord or signifier, *Jatromath. Gualt. Roff.*

74. Egg-shels dried and beaten to pouder, and given in white Wine, breaketh the Stone: It is a tryed Medicine, as one affirmed to me.

75. Sugar (especially *Valentia* Sugar) made in Pouder, and put into a Wound or Cut, doth not only cleanse all corruption from it, and consumes all superfluous fleshy matter in it, but also heals it marvellously. If you will, you may mix a little fresh Butter therewith, whereby it will not be of the less vertue. This is a sure, excellent, easie, and a ready Medicine, who list to make use of it.

76. A certain Wench was born within sixteen miles of *London*, who within a year and a half after her birth, did begin to eat Earth, Stones, Brick, and Gravel; and so continued therein (having all her delight in eating of such trash) also she did eat the woollen sleeves that were on her armes; besides that, she did eat a Glove. And on a time her Mother did feed her with Milk, there chanced to fall a great large piece of Soot, out of the Chimney,

ney into the said milk, which soot, the said child took out of the dish with her fingers, and did eat it most greedily. She abhorred bread and butter, and other such natural things, whereby she was marvellously consumed with a flux, and she yet liveth, having nothing on her but skin and bone. I saw her in *June* 1577. She was born in *Charsey* within two or three miles off *Stanes*, at which time she was full three years of age.

77. It is said that Mice-Dung, with the ashes of burned wasps, and Hazle Nuts, and a little Vinegar of Roses put thereto, doth trimly deck a bald place with hairs, if the same place be often rubbed or anointed therewith, *Mizaldus*.

78. If any Beast of the Female kind doth piss upon the Urine of a Wolf newly made: the same Beast shall never conceive, *Pithagoras*.

79. *Aëtius* gives councel, that the Dog be buried or put into the ground, in any wise, which is dead by taking his Disease from a man; for it is certain (saith he) the dangerous and many Effects (the man being escaped) are turned or overpowred into him.

80. The troublesome or unpleasant noise of Frogs in the night, will cease, if you set a candle burning on the Bank-side nigh the water where they be. Or else many lights, according to the greatness of the place where they be, *Africanus Geopont:* and this was proved at *Paris*, by the means of a President that thereat was troubled, *Mizaldus*.

18. It is the opinion of many, that an herb called *Leucanthus*, that is white Thorn (even as the Bay-tree) it is never striken nor touched with light-

lightning, nor is it not touched with any evil from Heaven.

82. *Zael* saith, that he hath proved in many Nativities, where the Moon is in *Virgo*, opposite with the sun; that the child then born, hath been drowned.

83. Six Cloves of Garlick stampt and strained into a draught of Renish Wine, and so drunk, is a present remedy for the Chollick, Stone, and Strangury. An excellent tried Medicine, if thou take it three days.

84. Make powder of the Flowers of Elder: gathered on Midsummer-day, being well dryed, and use a spoonful thereof in a good draught of Borage-Water, morning and evening, first and last, for the space of a moneth: and it will make you seem young a great while. This I had out of an old written book, as proved.

85. Take Horse Leaches, and burn them to pouder and mix them to Eysel, then use to rub the place therewith where you would have hair grow no more: and there will no hair grow in that place. This was a secret of a notable Practicer.

86. Whosoever uses to drink butter Milk, they will be laxative, although they be very much bound and cannot go to stool, proved.

87. They are like the Falling Sickness, in whose Nativities the Moon and Mercury do not behold the one the other. Or where neither of them do behold the Ascendent: and whereas in the day time Saturn is the signifier of the qualities of the mind, and then being in an Angle, and Mars in Nativities of the night. 88.

88. That young Beasts be not hurt of their Tetters, or that being hurt of them, they may be cured Tye unto their necks a Date stone bored thorow, *Mizaldus.*

89. If you to give to them that have the Falling-Sickness this Medicine, or Antidote following three dayes, whiles the Moon is conjunct to *Jupiter*, it will help him. Take of Mace, the Seeds of Piony, and the Roots of the same half a Dram, the leaves of Gilliflowers, and the Primroses, (which some take to be Dasies) one Dram, stamp them, and give it to drink with white Wine, the party being fasting, *Mizaldus.*

90. A certain Country-Man did sleep open mouthed in the fields, a Serpent crept in at his mouth and so into his body; but after, the same man cured himself thereof with eating of Garlick; but he infected his Wife with poyson, by having to do with her carnally, whereof she dyed, which was very rare and strange. *Volaterranus.*

91. Pouder made of the stone of a Swallow, given to drink to them that have the Falling-Sickness, Healeth them without doubt, for it is a sure experiment. *Petrus Hisp.*

92. If you would know whether a Woman be conceived with child or no: give to her two spoonfuls of water, & one spoonful of clarified Honey, mingled together to drink when she goeth to sleep: and if she feels gripings and pains in her belly in the night, she is with Child, if she feel none, she is not. This is very true and often proved.

93. He will never be poor, of whose Nativity *Jupiter* is Ruler, or Lord.

94. This following will take Spots out of the Face, and beautifie the same, Put seven whole Eggs in most pure and strong Vinegar, and let them lye therein so long, until their shels be as soft as their inward skins; and mix thereto four ounces of Mustard-seed, before made in pouder (or stampt) then stamp, or grind them together, and therewith let the Face be anointed: This hath been proved. And *Tortula* affirms it to be good for the like purpose.

95. Green Nettles laid in the Urine of one that is sick, and so steeped therein for the space of twenty four hours, if, after the same time, they be taken out green and fresh, it betokens the sick Party will recover of that sickness: if they be withered, it is a great token of death. *Mizaldus.*

The End of the Fifth Book.

The Sixth Book.

1.

IF you would have any Beast, or any part of the same (of what colour soever he be) to be turn'd into White; shave off the hairs, and smoke the same in flowers. *Mizaldus.*

2. The Berries of white Thorn, taken with white wine, is of great force, for destroying or expelling of the Stone. It is known by the practice or experience of the Country-men. *Mizaldus.*

3. It

3. It is proved, and a secret, That if you give to them that have the Hickop, every morning three hours before Meat, one Root of green Ginger, and immediately after, drinking two draughts of Malmsey, you shall see that he will be soon cured. *Emperici Benedicti Victorii.*

4. A Sword wherewith a Man is killed, the blood being clean wipt from it, and put into a hot fire, which being taken out of the same, doth manifestly shew the Murderer: for so far as the Sword was in the wounded Person, so far it will be of a contrary colour to the Sword: it was told me that a Bishop did try it to be true, by one of his men.

5. If the blood of a Cock be dryed, and made in pouder, and mixt in Wine, wherein there is water, it makes the Water swim above. This was the relation of a Learned Monk, *Mizaldus.*

6. Plantane hath a marvellous virtue, to deliver them of the Plague that are infected therewith: given any manner of way. Proved.

7. The more lively and quick that a Horse is, the more deep he will thrust his Nose into the water when he drinks, *Mizaldus.*

8. Swine and Elephants do hate white garments: Bulls and Oxen hate marvelously garments that be of purple colour: which many under such apparel, have sometimes proved to their great grief. *Plinius.*

9. The white of an Egg, and the Juice of Pelitory of the Wall, well beaten together, and skimmed; and then one drop of that Liquor put into the Eye, doth heal the Web in the Eye. This is true and proved:

10. A proved Oyl, which is very good for the Dropſie, called *Aſcites*, if all the Belly or paunch be anointed therewith. Take of Turpentine one pound, of Frankincenſe, Maſtick, Myrrh, of each two Drams, *Laudanum*, one Dram, Nutmegs, Cloves Galengall, Zeodary, of each one Dram and half of the juice of Walwort, and the juice of Cucumber (called *Cucumer aſininus*) of either one Ounce, let them be poudered that are to be poudered, and let them be mixed together, and put them in a Limbeck, and let an Oyl be diſtilled thereof, and it is a moſt ſecret thing, not only to take away the ſwelling of the belly in the Dropſie, called *Aſcites*, but alſo any Flegmatick ſwelling of any other member of man's body, and it is marvellous for the pains of joints, and members of a cold cauſe, *Emperici Benedict.*

11. A certain Butchers Wife being with child, as ſhe was ſtirring the blood of a Beaſt, newly killed, a little thereof did chance to ſprinkle, or ſpurt on her face, which ſhe with her hand, ſuddenly wiped the ſame on her left Thigh: who after being brought to bed of a Boy, the ſame Boy had, and hath the like mark, or bloud ſpot on the left Thigh. They that knew both the Father, Mother, and the Child, told this for a very truth. Therefore it is not good to hit a woman ſuddenly, being with Child, on the face or otherwiſe, leſts the Child ſhe is withal, be ſo marked, as is declared in other places of this book.

12. If you will take the hair from any place of the body, and would have it to grow there no more: Stamp Ants Eggs, with the Juice of Henbane

bane and Hemlock, or with the blood of a Bat or Reremouſe, and anoint the place therewith, *Mizaldus.*

13. If you cut the Liver of a Beaſt in pieces and put into the ſame pieces, the pouder of *Nux Vomica* called the Spuing Nut (which is to be had at the Apothecaries) the ſame pieces being ſtrewed or laid in an open place, where Ravens and Crows may reſort thereto, the Crows or Ravens that eat thereof cannot fly away, whereby you may take them eaſily. This I know to be certain and true.

14. The little Bird called *Linaria*, begins to leave ſinging, and alſo to be ſick, when the Star called the little Dog, doth riſe, and will pluck off her Feathers; which chanceth about the midſt of *July* as we have proved by one another (ſaith *Mizaldus*) the ſpace often years, and thereupon, have ſhewed to many, that then that Star did ſurely riſe. And in a Lark, we have obſerved the ſame, (ſaith he) in the riſing of Arcture with the Sun. And it is not to be doubted, but that other Birds, and living things, have their peculiar Star, whereby they are moved to ſing, or to hold their peace, to ſadneſs, or gladneſs, which I deſire the diligent ſearchers of Secrets to obſerve. Thus much *Mizaldus.*

15. The Lord of the Aſcendent in the Twelfth Houſe, in a human Sign, without the beams of good Stars: the Child then born will be impriſoned. This is true and often proved, And alſo *Tayſn.* affirms it.

16. This following is a true and proved Medicine for the Tooth-ach; Take a handful of ground-Ivy, as much of ſpearmint, and as much of Salt, ſtamp them all, a little together, then put all the ſame into a Pint of Vinegar, and ſeeth all well over the Fire; then ſtrain it well, and put the ſame into a cloſe glaſſen Veſſel, or Bottle: and when you will uſe it, take a ſpoonful thereof, and put it into the ſide of the mouth that achech, and hold down your Cheek, that it may deſcend to the Roots of the aching-Teeth, and it will take the Ach and pain away preſently. This was taught me by a Woman, to whom many reſorted for help, who uſed only this Medicine therefore.

17. Bodies that are ſtrucken with Lightning, do remain uncorrupt; therefore in ancient time, they did neither burn nor bury the bodies of ſuch as were ſtrucken or killed with Lightning: whereupon it is pain to all men, that the ſame bodies are not corrupt as others, *Mizaldus*.

18. If the Lord of the Eight Houſe be in the Third or Ninth Houſe, it ſignifies the Child then born ſhall dye amongſt ſtrangers, or out of his Native Soyl, *Tayſnier*.

19. Wormwood newly ſtamped with the white of an Egg, and laid over the Eyes, takes away the blood and redneſs thereof, of what Humour ſoever it come. This hath been often proved.

20. If one do take this Confection following, faſting, he ſhall never fall into the pains of Chollick, nor Illiach paſſions: Take the outward Rinds of Radiſhes, being taken or pared thick, two pound; white Honey four pound: let them boyl together un-

unto the Consumption of half the Honey; then put thereto of the powder of Cinamon, Cloaves, Nutmegs, Mace, black Pepper, of each two drams: mix them together, and let them be put up in a clear Vessel, and let the Patient take and eat every morning half an ounce of the said Rinds of the Radishes, *Benidictus Victorius Faventinus.*

21. If you take the powder of brazel, and mingle it well with milk, but so, that it be very red, and put therein either a staff, wood, or bone, letting it lye therein eight days, it will make the same wood or bone red for ever. I had this out of an old written book.

22. To dream that you go over a broken bridge, betokens fear; to have your Head cut off for an hainous offence, signifies the death of Friends: to make clean the hands, betokens trouble: to see hands filthy and foul, betokens loss, and danger: to feed Lambs, signifies grief or pain: to take Flies, signifies wrong or injury, *Mizaldus.*

23. A Garland made of Ivy leaves, and laid upon Womans paps or dugs, that hang flagging down, it gathers them together, and makes them round: Ivy-leaves stampt and applyed thereto, work the like effect, *Mizaldus.*

24. A toad being stricken of a Spider, or Serpent doth help her self by eating of Plantane. *Plinius.* For confirmation whereof, a Toad being on the ground, hard by a Wall, a Spider did suddenly strike the said Toad on the back; which when the Toad felt beginning to swell, did eat of Plantane, nigh unto the place; whereof being well, the Spider again did poyson the Toad with her ve-

none as before: which done the Toad preſerved her ſelf with the Plantane as before: but one that chanced to behold the ſame, did then cut up the ſaid Plantane, and took it away from that place: which Toad the third time being ſtrucken or rather poyſoned of the Spider, as before, immediatly ſearched for the ſaid Plantane, (for as it ſhould ſeem) there was no more Plantane nigh to that place; which when ſhe could find none, did ſwell ſo ſore, that ſoon after ſhe did burſt. The Party that did take away the ſame Plantane, and did ſee this ſtrange and marvellous matter, did tell me this for a very truth, whoſe credit I know to be ſuch, that I make bold here to place the ſame, having ſuch good occaſion. And I heard that a Nobleman of this Realm, did ſee the like.

25. Whoſoever is ſore grieved with the Stone, and cannot make water; let them drink a ſpoonful of the powder called *Pulvis Diureticus* in a draught of white Wine (which you may have at the Apothecaries) and uſe it three or four mornings together, or ſomething leſs, if you liſt. Give half ſo much to a Child, and without doubt it will make them void the ſtone, and make water preſently. I have proved it oftentimes, to be a Soveraign thing in this caſe. And there was one from whom I had it, that got therewith above an hundred pounds a year. If it be truly and well made, you will praiſe it well, as I have done: and becauſe that it is ſuch a notable thing, I would have it better known, and more uſed. This is proved to be true.

26. Make Oyl of Paper, by burning fair Paper on

on a clean Pewter dish, or sawcer: or hold a piece of fair paper folded, on a knives point, and set fire on the neathermost end thereof, and hold the same nigh unto the Sawcer, and out thereof will come a little moist Oyl, and be on the Sawcer. Take a little thereof, on a clean feather, and put it into the eye that is sore or dim sighted: and it will help the same marvellously. It hath been proved in many to be excellent. And *Evonimus* doth praise it therefore.

27. If the Lord of the Ascendent be in the eighth house, unfortunate, it signifies that the sick party will kill himself, through evil guiding him. *Jatromat.*

28. A Spirit came nigh unto M. *Brutus*, leading an Army of men from *Asia*, when *Brutus* asked him who he was, he answered, I am thy evil Angel, whom thou shalt see in the fields of *Philoppis* in *Thessaly*, and there *Brutus* died in conflict, *Plutarch.*

29. *Agrimony* sod in red Wine, wherewith if wounds be washt, it cleanseth all filth and corruption from them. And the leaves of Agrimony beaten or stampt, and tied on Wounds that be ill joyned, or knit together, by and by doth open them. A *Spaniard* told this to *Mizaldus.*

30. He that receiveth a sum of money in the hour of *Venus*, he will spend the same with women in pleasure and wantonness.

31. The Juice of Rue mixt with honey, that hath been scummed, and a little thereof put into the eye at once, riddeth them that use it, of an ancient dimness of the Sight, Proved.

32. If

32. If a Woman hath not conceived, and thou wilt know whether she shall Conceive or not, let her be well covered with cloathes, and beneath, let a Fumigation be made of hot things, and Odoriferous, or sweet smelling: for if the smell come up, thorow her body, to the Nose and Mouth; be sure that she is not then barren of her self, *Hippocrates, Aphor.*

33. Whosoever is grieved or tormented with the stone, let them take an ounce of the Roots of Radish, cut in slices, and lay the same to steep in half a pint of good white Wine all night: then strain the same well, and put thereto of the Electuary, called *Lithontriphon*, of the description of *Nicholas*; and also *Sustinum* one dram; mix them with the said white Wine, wherein the Radish was infused, and let him that is grieved with the Stone, receive all the same at one time, and you shall see a marvellous work thereof: If need be, let him receive the like quantity thereof, three or four days together. This is proved to be sure, and an excellent thing for the breaking and avoiding the stone and Gravel. Be sure that the Apothecaries make it of good stuff.

34. A head of Garlick (the skin pulled off, and a little bruised) laid, by equal parts, to the hollow parts of the Soals of their feet, that are greviously torment'd with the Tooth-ach, especially if it come of a cold cause, and be of the nether Jaw, it will help them with speed, by drawing the Humours out of the Soal of the Feet. I have known them that have taken this Medicine, and have not been troubled with the Tooth-ach of seven years after.

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35. That man is like to have few Children, in whose Nativity *Saturn* is in the Ascendant, opposite to *Venus*, or if *Venus* be in the barren sign, infortunate of *Saturn*: or if *Venus* be in the House of *Saturn*, especially, infortunate of him. *Jatromat. Gualt. Ryff.*

36. If you rub or touch Warts with the leaves of a Fig-tree, the Warts will consume and vanish away, so that the said leaves be buried within the earth, or ground. Some ascribe the same to the heart of a Pigeon, *Mizaldus.*

37. Elephants of all other beasts, do chiefly hate, the Mouse: So that if they shall see, or perceive that a Mouse hath once touched their meat that is before them, they loath the same, and will not eat thereof, *Plinius.*

38. If the Lord of the Ascendent be combust in the Twelfth House; he that is then born, will dye in Prison or Captivity, *Tayshier.*

39. The pouder of Berries of the Briony, drunk in the Water, wherein water-cresses are sod, doth marvellously heal the strangury.

40. If any Woman great with Child shall take this drink following, every other day in the morning, three hours before she eat any meat, beginning the same about ten days, or a fortnight before the time of the birth, the birth shall not only be made more easie, but also she shall bring forth her Child without pain. Take of the great Treacle, one scruple (with is the weight of 24 Barly corns, the pouder of Liquorice, and the pouder of Cinamon, of either three grains: of good White wine one ounce and a half, mix all together, and make thereof

thereof to drink, and let it be given to the Woman with Child, in such manner as is aforesaid *Benedictus Victorius Faventinus*, in his Book called *Empirica*.

41. This following will stop the Bloody-Flux: take Yarrow and Plantane, of each alike quantity; stamp them well together, and put there to red Wine, and strain it will, and drink a good draught thereof first and last, three or four days together, and certainly it will stay it. It is an easie and precious thing.

42. If you will prove whether a Woman be with Child or not, let her make water in a Copper, or Brazen Vessel, and let a Needle lye therein a whole night, that is bright and clean, and if she be with Child, the needle will have red spots on it: if not, then it will be blackish, or rusty. It is proved, as *Mizaldus* was informed.

43. If a Crow chance to eat of the rest of the Flesh, whereof a Wolf hath eaten before, the same Crow will dye soon after, *Ælianus* and *Philes*,

44. Neither Falling-sickness, nor Devil, will infect or hurt one in that place where a Bay-tree is: The *Romans* call it the Planet of the good Angel, &c. *Mizaldus*.

45. Writing Ink, tempered with water, wine, or Vinegar, wherein Wormwood hath been steeped, Mice will not eat of the Papers or Letters, written with that Ink. And also Cloathes wherein Wormwood is laid or wrapt, is safe from Moths; and if there be any there, it will drive them away, *Dioscorides*.

46. Oxen

46. Oxen, Kine, Bullocks, or Horſes, ſhall not be troubled with any Diſeaſe, if you hang a Harts-horn upon them. *Abſyrtus.*

47. If you joyn a Lyons-skin, to the skin of a wolf or any other Beaſt, it will make them be without Hair, or cauſe their hair to fall, or conſume away. *Mizaldus.*

48. Coleworts and Rue, (called Herb Grace) are ſo contrary in nature, the one to the other, that they ought not to be ſowen nigh together. *Fracaſtorius.*

49. If any Sheep, or elſe hairy Beaſt, or elſe Man or woman, be full of worms in any wound or Sore; take the wool of the ſame ſheep, or hair of that Beaſt, or ſome of the hair of the Man or woman, and hide the ſame before the riſing of the Sun, under the bark of a Tree called *Trembla*, which is a kind of *Black Poplar* Tree. Do thus certain dayes and thou ſhalt ſee the worms fall out of the wound or ſore, miraculouſly, or elſe they will dye or leave that place. There be that aſcribe the ſame to the Birch-tree, and alſo to the Root of wild Succory, hanged at the Neck in manner of a Croſs: which *Mizaldus* ſaw obſerved in a Dog, one of whoſe Ears was at that time almoſt eaten off with worms.

50. Put two or three of the Seeds of *Oculus Chriſti* into your Eye, and within a while after you ſhall not feel them; whereby you will think that they are not there: But at the laſt they will drop or fall out of them ſelves, compaſſed about with ſlimy water, which hinders the ſight: which if you uſe, they will cleanſe and clear your Eyes mar-

marvellously: This I know to be very true.

51. If one do buy warts of them that have them & give them a Pin therefore; if the party that hath the Warts, prick the same pin in some garment that he wears dayly, or commonly, the Wart or Warts without doubt will diminish and wear away privily, and be clean gone in short time: This was told me for an often tryed and proved thing, yea, and by such a one as had seen the experience thereof. Also Warts rubbed with a piece of raw Beef, and the same beef being buried within the ground, the warts will wear and consume, as the beef doth rot in the ground: Proved.

52. Salt Armoniack stampt, and mixt with Water, doth make white Letters, nothing differing from the colour of Paper, but if you hold the same Paper to the fire; the Letters will wax black: *Mizaldus.*

53. A thing to be marvelled at, and worthy to be remembred, doth follw; declared by *Jovianus Pontanus*: A certain *Cretane* woman (saith he) was married to a Fisher, whom he did use as his Wife, according to the Order of Marriage, many years (as *Anthonius Panthormita*, being a friend of the same Fisher, was wont to tell to the said *Jovianus Pontanus*, when he was young:) which woman after she had been married fourteen years, did become to be a man, and suddenly there sprung out the Members of Man, in the natural place of the woman: Which being so asham'd of her condition as one that thought she should be mockt or laught to scorn, both of men and women, became a Religious woman, and lived in a Monastery, where

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he knew her the reſt of her Life: And ſhe was buried at *Rome*, in the Temple of *Mary* or *Minerva*. And another woman, called *Æmilia*, was married to one *Anthony*, a Citizen of *Epula*; and after ſhe was married twelve years, ſhe was changed into a Man, and was converſant with men, uſing then the Arts and Trades of Men in that Country, and married a wife: This writes he in the Tenth Book, *De rebus Cœleſtibus, &c. Mizaldus.*

54. This following will help the yellow Jaundies, with ſpeed: Take a Bur-root, the greater the better; ſcrape it clean; then take a pot of new Ale, and put your Root therein, and the Ale will boyl, and let it be therein one day, and one night, well ſtopped; and then let the Patient drink a good draught, two or three times, and he will be whole certainly. Proved.

55. The Sick is much to be feared, if in the Aſcendent, or in the eight Houſe, or with their Lords, there will be evil Stars or Planets: but if good Planets be there, it is ſafe enough. *Jatromath Gualt. Ryff.*

56. *Ariſtotle* and *Avicen* do affirm, That of the round and ſhort Egg, the Cock-chicken doth come: of the long and ſharp Egg, the Hen-chicken. *Mizaldus.*

57. If you put yellow Amber into hot melted Wax (before well skimmed) it will be then as ſoft Clay, ſo that you may make things thereof, in what form or faſhion you will, it will be ſo tractable and ſoft: *Mizaldus* had this ſecret of a certain cunning Lapidary.

58. There is nothing better to drive away Ser-

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pents or Snakes, then the smoke of old Leather, or old Shooes burn'd, or else to bring them out of ones body, before crept into them by sleeping open mouthed: whereof *Marc. Gatinaria*, an excellent Physician, doth write, That the like did happen to a certain man in his time, to whom, when many Medicines were given in vain, the said man received the smoke of old Leather at his mouth, by a Funnel, so that it went into his body; and as soon as the venemous thing in his body felt the smoke, it came out at his Fundament; which was a marvellous great Viper, to the great Marvel and fear of all that were present.

59. Seeth the inner Rind of the young branches of a Hazel-tree in small Ale, until half be consumed, and let them that have the Strangury, drink a good draught thereof first and last, for the space of eight or nine dayes together, and it will help them certainly, for it never fails. Therefore prove it and praise it.

60. A notable Medicine for the Sciatica doth follow: Take Ox-dung, and Pigeons dung, of either one pound; and mix them well together with one Pottle of white-wine; and let them boyl together until half the wine be consumed; then strain it thorow a Linnen cloth; then put thereto half a Pound of Honey, and twelve yolks of Eggs, and half a pound of melted wax: mix altogether with as much Barley-eal, as will suffice for the making of it in a Plaister, and put it hot to the painful place. This was proved by King *Henry* the Fifth, as the writing did witness, out of which I had this. Besides it hath been since proved.

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61. A green Lizard hath a great delight to behold a man in the Face, for he will lovingly fawn upon him as a Dog, with the moving of his Tail. And, as much as in him lies, will defend him from a Serpent that lies lurking in the herbs to hurt him. *Lemnius.*

62. The juice or water ſtrained out of Radiſh Roots, before ſtamped, mixed with White Wine and the ponder of Turpentine burned or dried in the Sun, and ſo received, is an excellent Medicine to break and drive forth the ſtone. And it is given happy ſucceſs. A thing proved, much better then Gold. *Mizald.*

63. Lay a thin piece of raw beef to the forehead of them that have loſt their voice, and let it lie thereto all night unremoved, and it will will help them preſently, or at the leaſt within three or four ſeveral applications.

64. Take the Bones of Beaſts which be found in the fields, and chiefly Horſes (becauſe they be beſt therefore) and let them be well waſhed, and after let them be dried at the Sun, then put them in a Cauldron with Water, and let them ſeeth long, and gather the fat that ſwims above, wherewith anoint the Gout or Palſie, of whatſoever cauſe they come, and it will be helped.

65. Seeth Ivy, Mugwort, Walwort, and the inner rind of Elder in Water, with much Salt and bathe therewith any Sciatica, twice or thrice a day, for eight or nine days together; and the party grieved will aſſuredly be made whole. This I had out of an old written Book wherein were many excellent things.

66. If you ſprinkle the ponder of Saffron round about the wick upon the Oyl in a fair green and bright Lamp of Glaſs, and let the ſame burn; (ſo that there be none other light in the ſame Chamber) it will ſo beautifie all things in the ſame place, with a fair yellow colour. You may prove it by other colours likewiſe.

67. There is nothing better to draw forth thorns, pricks, or any other thing whatſoever, in any parts of the body whereſoever it be, then black Sope applyed to the place, letting the ſame lye thereto about twelve hours without removing of the ſame.

68. A certain Noble Matron in *Spain* had a ſtrong imagination of a great Ethiopian painted in her Chamber, with others in the time of the Act of generation: Which Lady afterward was delivered of a Boy, like to the great Ethiopian painted before named: Which Child being born, every one believed, that ſhe had lain with ſome one of the ſlaves of the Sarazens, for that the Child was like none of the Parents: whereupon the Miniſters of Juſtice, with conſent of her husband and others did decree that ſhe ſhould be burned after the months end. But before the Miniſtration of this Juſtice or execution, certain wiſe men were called, where one deſired that he might ſee the place where the child was begot, which when he had ſeen, he conſidered that that Generation was by the ſtrength of the imaginative vertue: And then he ſaid, that that great Ethiopian was the Father of the Child; bringing for the confirmation thereof, that place of the Bible, where *Jacob* put ſpeckled Rods before the Sheep

Sheep, by which imagination, the Ewes brought forth ſpeckled Lambs, which when he had ſpoken, the Lady was delivered from burning. Wherefore, as I have written in other places of this Book, men ought not raſhly to miſlike their Wives, (having none other occaſion) becauſe their Children are unlike to their Parents: For as you ſee here, and in *Jacob's* Lambs, Imagination is of marvellous force in the time of Generation, which doth not only work in Men, but in Beaſts. *Ganiveus* writes this Hiſtory, who, as it ſhould ſeem, hath it out of *Lyra*.

69. The Flowers of Marigolds, as alſo of Succory, and of certain other Herbs, do begin to open at the Riſing of the Sun, at noon they are fully and wholly opened, but they are cloſed, or are ſhut, when the Sun doth ſet. Therefore ſome call it, and ſuch other, *Sponſus Solis*, the Spouſe of the Sun: Becauſe they ſleep, and are awakened with him, *&c. Mizaldus.* And the dayly tryal thereof affirms it.

70. If Aſſes do eat much of Hemlocks, they will be caſt thereby into a dead and deep ſleep, that they will ſeem to be dead. Which have deceived the Country-men, being ignorant thereof, for as they have been flaying off their skins, (thinking that they were dead) the ſilly Aſſes have ſtirred and waken'd out of their ſleep, to the great terror of them that did flay them, or cut off their skins, and to the great laughing of them that did behold them, as *Andreus Mathiolus*, that learned Phiſician, hath written in this Commentary upon *Diaſcorides*.

71. Doctor *Dove* (living near *Aliſbury* in *Buck-*

ingham-shire) Rideing forth one Morning to Visit a Patient, and returning home-wards, met with some of his Neighbours at a little Ale-house, put his Horse into an Old Shed joyning to the Backside of the House; where *Nobs* (for that was the Horses name) having nothing to eat, except Sticks ends, or Old Rotten Wall, and his Master drinking of good Ale, which *Nobs* wanting used his endeavour to supply himself: (like a bulie Wasp with a Hony-pot) It hapened that his Hostis had Brew'd the Night before, and *Nobs* smelling the warm Ale working in the Fat (which joyned to the other side of the Old Wall) Nustles down a Hole and gets his head through, drinking so much New Ale, that not being able to stand, lies down and falls into a dead Drunk sleep. His Master having likewise taken a good Dose, goes to the Shed to take out his Horse, finds him (to his thinking) stark Dead, and sends for a Coller-maker (dwelling hard by) and sells him his skin; so poor *Nobs* was Drag'd unto the Dunghil and flead, and left nak'd *Nobs* in the Cold, upon the Dunghil, and his Master trudges Home on Foot: His Wife asked him where *Nobs* was? Alack, quoth the Doctor, he is dead: Marry God forbid, (quoth she) sure enough (said he) for I have Mony in my Pocket for his skin; and so tells his Wife the Mischance, which made the Gentle-woman weep; (for she loved poor *Nobs*) and so her Husband and She went to Bed; and slept out their first sleep, but *Nobs* (like a drunken beast) wakes, and finding himself very cold (for want of his Cloaths) makes hast Home; and finding the Gate shut, Neighs so loud, that he wakes his Mi-

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triſs (who knowing his Whehes, wakes the Doctor, and tells him *Nobs* was at the Gate: Piſh, I have money in my Pocket for his skin But I am ſure it is *Nob's* Whehey; and ſo ſlipt on a Peticoat about her Shoulders, and went down to the Gate, where ſtood poor *Nobs* all in White: which joyful ſight, made her run up Stairs to her Husband, and told him *Nobs* was at the Gate (but all in white) the Doctor roſe and preſently ſent for a Butcher, and cauſed him to Flea five or ſix rotten Sheep and ſo claps the warm Skins upon *Nobs*, and made him a very handſome woollen Coat, which ever ſince *Nobs* wears, and bears his Maſter two Tod of Wooll every Year, (for he ſhears him twice a Year) to his great profit.

72. Put the Aſhes of a burnt Snail, upon the ſpot in the Eye, and within three dayes it will take it away. *Barth.*

73. If a Woman that is too much weakned with her monthly Courſe, doth caſt the ſame, or let the ſame run into a hole made into the ground, with a three ſquared Stake (the ſame Stake immediatly after) being put or driven into the ſame hole, & ſo remain therein unremov'd) her ſaid Flux will ſtay or ceaſe, being thought before to be incureable. An honeſt Woman revealed this ſtrange ſecret to me which prov'd the ſame to be true; and ſhe learn'd it of a poor woman that required alms of her at door.

74. The Leaves of Docks do looſe the belly, and make one laxative: but the Seeds being taken, do bind, and are reſtrictive.

75. If Wine have taken any tartneſs, or ſowreneſs, take a pot filled with good water, and let it be

well covered, then set the same pot with water in white Wine, (so that the pot stand under, or within the Wine) and at the three days end, if the Wine have gotten his former strength, the Water will smell, and then the Wine will like thee.

76. A piece of raw Beef not too thick, nor too thin, (being laid or steeped all the night before in good *Aqua Compostita*) and apply it to the temples of the forehead, without removing all night, and thus doing three or four nights, doth help the watering and pains in the eyes, and all distillations and rheums that come from the head or brain. One told me this, which had often proved it to be most true as a great Secret.

77. Anoint young Swallows with Saffron, and soon after, the old Swallows will bring a Stone to them, wherewith the Dropsie will be cured; This I had out of a Book of secrets.

78. An Egg laid on a Thursday, and emptied and filled with Salt, and set it in the fire, remaining there until it may be made into powder, and then canker'd teeth rubbed with the powder thereof, it both kills the Canker, and the Worms that eat the teeth, and destroys them. Proved.

79. This following will destroy Ring-Worms, Tetters, and Scales in the hands; Take white Copperice, the quantity of two beans, and put it into a pint of clear water, till it be dissolved and melted, and with the water wash the place or hands, till they be whole. Proved.

80. Stamp Parsly in White Wine, then strain it well, and drink a good draught thereof, and it will cause thee to make water, and break the Stone,

use it five or six times. This hath been well proved.

81. The Wise and Learned men in old time did think that a Toad put into a new earthen Pot, and set it within the ground, and so cover'd with Earth in the midst of a Field, will drive away Crows or Birds from Corn that is sowed there. But about Harvest time they will that it be digged up, and so cast forth of the Limits of the fields, lest the Corn be bitter thereby.

82. A little piece of the Navel string of a Child, that is newly born, enclosed in a Ring, and so born that it may touch the flesh or bare skin, is a most pure help and remedy against the great pains and torments of the Cholick, *Mizaldus*.

83. They whose hair of the Eye-brow do touch or meet together, of all other are the worst. They do shew that he or she is a wicked person, and an enticer of Servants; and given to unlawful and naughty acts: which *Johannes Indagines* saith, he hath observed in old Women being witches, which were led to be burned, whose eye-brows were such as *Thadeus Hagecius* hath also noted.

The End of the Sixth Book.

The Seventh Book.

1. THe Water wherein the leaves of Plantane, that grows close to the ground, and near the root is sod, being drunk twice every day, morning and evening first and last, half a pint at a time, for the space of four or five days, helps perfectly all griefs and diseases of the Bladder. A true Medicine, and often proved.

2. A notable Water for the breaking of the Stone. Take of the juice of Saxifrage, two pound, of the juice of Gromel, and of the juice of Parsley, of each one pound, of the juice of Betony, of the juice of Nettles, and of the juice of Ramsens, of each, half a pound, of strong white Vinegar, ten ounces, of the flowers and seeds of Broom, and of the roots of Radish, of each two handfuls, stamp the last rehearsed well, then mix the same with all the juices before mentioned, and thereof distill a Water, with a gentle fire; of which Water give to them that have the Stone, one ounce at one time with Oximel Diuretick, (which you may have at the Apothecaries) useing the same nine or ten days (if need be) and it will break and avoid the Stone wonderfully. There cannot be a better Medicine for the Stone. Prove it when you will.

3. In the Island of *Ireland* and *Orcades*, in certain

tain places there, be certain Trees, much like unto willow trees, out of which come forth certain little hairs, increasing by little and little into birds, having shapes of Ducks, hanging upon the bough by their nibs or bills: and when they are come to perfectness, they fly away of themselves, or fall in the next Seas, which Birds we call Barnacles. This is related by the people that doth dwel there. *Mizaldus.*

4. If one be bewitched of any, put Quick-silver into a Quil, and stop it, or else into a hollow Nutshel, enclosed fast with wax, and lay the same under the pillow of the party bewitched, or under the Threshold of the door where he enters into the house, or chamber.

5. He that will deliver a Sum of Money, in the hour of the Moon, he shall have much ado to get it again, and at last shall mistrust of the recovering thereof, but at length he shall recover it, but not all. *Abablez, filius Zead.*

6. Betony stampt and made in a plaister and laid to the eye, healeth a stripe in the eye. And if they be washed with the Water wherein Betony is sodden, they will be whole without dimness or blemish; and if you drink a dram of the pouder of Betony, with the water of Betony, it will bring down and heal the cloudiness and bloodiness of the eyes: and if Betony be eaten, it dryeth up the tears of the eyes. All this and more hath been proved of Betony.

7. Mark on what day any one doth fall sick, and number the days from the sixth Calends of *July* (which is the 26 day of *June*) until the day when

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the party did first begin to be sick, and divide the whole number by three, and then if at last one remain, he will be long sick, if three remain, then it is to be feared he will dye of that sickness. This I had out of a book of secrets.

8. A marvellous cure of a Woman that was swoln, done by one *John Ardern*, whose words thereof were these. I *John Ardern*, did see a certain woman at *Newarke*, whose whole body was suddenly swoln, and also the face, neck, and leggs, who did lye as though she were half dead, to whom I gave the Roots of a Dafadil stampt, and mixt with water and Saffron, which being drunk, she was quickly whole. I wrote this my self, out of an old written Book.

9. Take heed in letting blood, giving of Purgations, or strong Medicines, that the Lord of the Eighth House be not with the Moon, or with the Lord of the Ascendent. Likewise that the Moon, nor the Lord of the Ascendent be in the fourth or eighth house, nor that the Lord of the eighth house be in any Angle, and it is not good that the Moon be in the Ascendent, *Jasonius*.

10. A wind rising in the North, in the beginning of the night, or in the twylight, by and by he cleareth, and leaveth his place: therefore it is, that the Marriners (having just tryal thereof) will not set forth in that wind, unless it hath continued three days. The South wind is contrary, which if it raise or begin with the beginning of the day, it brings hope to the Marriners that it will continue, and not quickly depart out of that place, *Mizaldus*.

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11. The skin of the right heel of a Vultur laid to the right foot, and of the left heel, to the left foot of them that are pained with the Gout; It is said, that it doth mitigate the grief and ease the pains. *Mizaldus.*

12. Lute strings or Harp strings, cut in little pieces, and cast upon flesh newly sodden or roasted, will seem to be worms, whereby they that know not thereof, will refuse the same meat. *Mizaldus.*

13. If the Yard doth swell and be grievously pained, mingle Wax, Oyl, and the juice of Purslane together, and apply it to the swoln Yard, and it will help it. It is often Proved.

14. *Johannes Ganivetus* writes, that in the Year of our Lord, 1431. the seventh day of *August*, (being Tuesday about Seven of the Clock in the Morning) one Master *Henricus Amici*, a Doctor of Physick, born at *Brusel* in *Brabant*, did ask him for the Lord *Dean* of *Vienens* then being sick, whether he should dye or recover that sickness. In the figure of which question, he found that the Moon was going into conjunction to the Sun, under the beams of the Sun, which was a testimony of death, with divers other likelihoods of the same. But espying *Mercury* begining to be retrograde, within one degree of the Ascendent (corruption the degree of ascending) did judge that he should shortly fall into a Frenzie, at the farthest, within a natural day, although he was a very wise man. And so it came to pass, for within less then a Natural Day, he became Frantick, and so dyed within two days after.

15. Take

15. Take Cloves of Garlick, and burn them in a pot all to Powder, and if you uſe to eat of that pouder in your pottage, doubtleſs it will make you make water, if you are troubled with the Stone.

16. If you put the pouder of Allom in water, whatſoever you write therewith, the writting or letters will not appear, unleſs you put the ſame paper in water, and then you may read it perfectly. *Bapt. Porta.*

17. This that followeth is a moſt excellent true and ſure, proved Medicine for a great and old grief and pain in the head. Take of Bay Salt ſtamped by it ſelf, as much Cummin-ſeed ſtamped by it ſelf, as much brown Fennel, and then ſtamp them all together, then with as much pure Vinegar, and a little Roſe-water, mix and ſtir them all together in a diſh, over a Cafindiſh of hot coles, and then lay ſome of the ſame hot upon a cloath, and apply it to the hinder part of the head at night, and tie it faſt thereto that it fall not away. And alſo lay on another plaiſter thereof, hot thereto the next night, and ſo do nine nights together, one after another: and it will not only help the ſame, (perhaps within three or four times ſo doing) but alſo it will clear the ſight, and draw the humours clear away, that run out of the head into the eyes, and dry up the ſame. This Medicine never fails, therefore it is a precious thing, and worthy to be eſteemed.

18. A good way to get the Stone called *Granpaudina*, out of the Toad. Put a great or overgrown Toad, (firſt bruiſed in divers places) into an earthen pot, and put the ſame in an Ants hillock and cover the ſame with earth, which Toad at length

length the Ants will eat: So that the Bones of the Toad and Stone will be left in the Pot, Which *Mizaldus* and many others (as he saith) hath often times proved.

19. It is said, that the Female Viper doth open her mouth to receive the generative Sperm of the Male Viper, which he doth by putting his mouth into her mouth, which received, she doth bite off his Head. This is the manner of the froward generating of Vipers. And after that, the young Vipers that spring of the same, do eat or gnaw a sunder their Mothers Belly, thereby coming or bursting forth. And so they being Revengers of their Fathers injury, do kill their own Mother. *Galen de Theriaca ad Pisonem.* You may see, they were a towardly kind of people, that Christ called the generation of Vipers.

20. Seeth, Sage, and drink it, or stamp it, and lay it to the *Matrix*, for both ways it provoketh the Flowers, and after burthens. *Pet. Hispanus.*

21. The girdle Worn of a Child, being under seven years of Age, some say Twelve years of Age, taken and tied about the middle of one that hath the Falling Sickness, and then presently taken from the said party, and cut in nine pieces, and every piece thrown nine several wayes, is a present and perfect Remedy to heal and help the same party thereof, without saying of any words. They that told it me did see it prov'd; a thing no doubt very strange, and almost incredible. Some think that this will not prevail, but at the first falling of the Party.

22. The Tongue of a Dog laid under the Toe with-

within the Shooe; doth ceaſe the barking of Dogs at the Party that doth ſo wear the ſame. *Mizaldus.*

23. The skin of an Aſs being tan'd, and ſhooes made of that part of the hide, whereon the burthens did lye that the Aſs carri'd, they will never tear nor be worn, No, although you go continually among ſtones and thorns, and with the oldneſs thereof, they will wax hard, that one cannot ſuffer to wear them, as *Cardanus* hath written.

24. To ſtop the bleeding of the Noſe, Take nine or ten freſh new Leeks, and put a thred thorough the midſt of them, but cut off the top of the leaves, then hang them about the parties neck that bleeds, ſo that the leaves be upward to the noſe, and the heads of them downward. It is good alſo to ſmell Camphire diſſolved in Vinegar, and alſo to put the root of Piony under the tongue *Jaco. Holle.*

25. If you take Mouth-Glew and Azome equal parts, mixing them together, and then pour Vinegar to them, whatſoever you ſhall caſt into the fire, being rubbed, or all over anointed therewith, it will not be burned. *Mizald.*

26. It is credibly reported, that whoſoever is ſick, and at the point of death, though they be marvellous old, lying or being in a certain place in *Ireland*, the ſame party cannot dye unrill he or ſhe ſhall be removed out of this place: And many that have been there being very old and weary of their lives, have earneſtly deſired to be removed from thence; who as ſoon as they have been out of the place have died preſently, A very ſtrange thing if it be true.

27. Stamp

27. Stamp Rue with Oyl of Roſes, and lay the ſame ſomething thick upon the Crow of the Head, of one that is ſick, the ſame being firſt ſhaven, and if the ſame party do Neeſe within ſix hours after, he will eſcape that ſickneſs. If not, he will dye thereof.

28. To make a green that it will not fade away; Take the Flowers of Flower-deluce, ſtamp them, and ſtrain them, then put the juice thereof into Gum-water, and dry it in the Sun.

29. To make Letters of Gold. Take Gum of Almonds, and temper it with Vermilion finely ground, let the Gum be diſſolved in the white of an Egg, then write therewith, and it will be like Gold, Proved.

30. If you will know in what year Wheat will be dear or cheap, and what time in the year, and what month the ſame will chance, elect or chooſe twelve fair Corns of Wheat, in the Kalends of *January*, which is the firſt day of *January*, then ſweep a fire Hearth clean, and make a fire; then take a young Wench, or Boy of the Houſe, or elſe one that dwells nigh you, and by the ſame Boy or Wench lay one of the ſame corns on, the ſame being hot and made clean: and when that is done, mark diligently, whether the ſaid Corn abide ſtill in the place, or leap: if it be ſtill, then ſay that the price will continue: If it leap alittle, the price will abate a little: If it leap much, then perſwade thy ſelf, that it will wax very cheap: If it leap towards the fire, it will be dearer in the firſt month, and ſo more or leſs, for the greater or leſſer acceſs of the ſame to the fire. Do ſo with the ſecond

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Corn; and it will preſage for the ſecond Month, that is for *February*: And ſo you may judg all the reſt; that is the third Corn for *March*, the fourth for *April*, and ſo for the other. *Mizaldus* heard, that it hath been proved of many.

31. The Lyon is more fierce againſt men, then women; for nature hath taught him, that women are to be more mildly uſed then men, as *Pliny* affirms. And *Ariſtole* ſaith, that it is more wicked to kill a Woman, than a Man, *&c.* And the Poet ſaith: *Quod fœminica in pœna, nullum eſt memorabile nomen*; which is true. A man alſo can get no praiſe nor honeſty by beating of a woman: which, let Butcherly beaters, and cruel Tormentors of their Wives, mark well and conſider. *Mizaldus.*

32. A ſpoonful or more of the pouder of Nettle-ſeed drunk in good Win, doth aſſwage all pains of the *Matrix*, and takes away the windineſs thereof, or the grief of the Mother. *Pet. Hiſp.*

33. By this means following, you may put an Egg into a narrow-mouthed Glaſs. Lay an Egg in ſtrong Vinegar, till it be tender: then fill a glaſs almoſt full of water, then put the Egg into it and anon it will be hard. Proved.

34. To roaſt a diſh of Butter. Take fine grated White Bread, and mix the ſame well with Sugar, then put a lump of Butter upon a Spit, and turn the Spit at the fire, and ſtill caſt the grated Bread and the Sugar upon the Butter, and it will be a fine, and trim Diſh of Meat. Proved.

35. If a certain Worm with many feet, which will become round like a Pea, if ſhe be touched, of ſome call'd a Swine-louce, be prickt with a Needle

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the pain thereof will cease immediately. This I got out of an old Book.

46. They are possest with Devils, that have not in their Nativities *Mercury*, with the Moon in some aspect, if neither of them behold the Ascendent; which is the more certain, if *Saturn* be there in the Nativity in the day, and if *Mars* be there in the nightly Nativity; and if either of them be in an Angle, such is the Nativities of Devils. *Alpahazen.* And they are, or will be mad, that have *Mercury* and the *Moon* in this sort, except that *Saturn* contrary must be in the Angle in the Nativity of the night, and *Mars* in an Angle in a Nativity of the day, *Fatronus.*

37. There is a certain Well at *Gratianopilis*, which although it hath not hot or warm water therein, yet often times there comes out of the same together with the Water, flames of Fire, two contrary Elements at one time, out of one place flowing out together, *Mizald.* writes this of the Inhabitants of that place.

38. If you stamp Hollocks with the whites of Eggs, and therewith anoint your hands, and throw them upon the same, the Pouder of Allome, you may handle fire without any harm, *Alber.* Praise it as it prooves.

39. Drink no Medicine in the hour of *Saturn*, neither enter or begin thou any Journey on the Sea, *Haly Abenragli.*

40. White wine, wherein *Lapis Calaminaris* is seven times quenched, first made very hot in the fire, doth marvellously stop the running of the eyes, & cleareth the sight, if you put a few drops thereof

into them, and use to wash them therewith. This is a tryed thing.

41. If you would allure or bring Pigeons to your Dove-house: take a fat Dog and slay him, and fill his belly full of the seeds of Cummin, roast him dry, wash also the Pigeon-holes in the Dove-cote with water wherein the Cumin is sod; but first cleanse the said holes from all filthiness, then lay the roasted Dog upon a broad stone in the Dove-house, and hang a great glass in the top of the Lovour, or four little Looking-glasses, within the Dove-house, by some of the holes; also take good clay and mingle it with Bay Salt and Cummin, and make thereof a great lump like unto a Sugar-loaf, then put it into an oven and make it hard and set it by the dead Dog. Beware of Owles, Buzzards, and Starlings, see the house be close that no Vermine come therein; as Polecats, Weesels, or Ferrets, and you shall have Pigeons enough. Also make a shrape by the Dove-house, strew Chaffe there, then lay therein a good quantity of Barley, but it must first be laid to steep in honey three days, and then cast it among the Chaff, and there a great sort of Pigeons will resort to the Dove-house.

42. Linseed put into the Roots of Radish, and by and by put fat or dunged Earth, it will bring forth an herb like Dragons, whose taft will seem like Vinegar and Salt; Therefore it is marvellously desired in sawces; for having this, you need neither Vinegar nor Salt: as one that is chief of the King's Gardens, told me, saith *Mizaldus*.

43. Foxes being sod, or cut to pieces, and the

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given to Hens or Geese, amongst their meat, it makes them safe from being hurt of any Foxes after, for the space of two months. *Mizald.*

44. The Seeds of Docks tied to the left arme of a Woman, doth help barrenness, or sterility. *Africanus.*

45. Goats dung mingled with Vinegar and Bran and applyed as a Plaister to a sore Breast, looseth wonderfully all swellings of the brest. It hath been proved.

46. Betony stamped and applyed to any wound of the head, doth not only draw out broken bones, but also doth heal the same with speed. A most excellent Remedy.

47. A special Medicine to strengthen the back. Take a quart of white Wine, and the Pith of an Oxes back, and two ounces of Dates, of Marigolds Plantane, Bettony, Parsley roots, and Fennel roots, of all two handfulls, Boyl all these together, until the Wine be half wast'd away, and then strain them thorow a cloth, and drink nine or ten spoonfulls thereof every morning and evening, for the space of nine or ten dayes, and it will strengthen the back marvellously.

48. Five leaved grass sod in water, which if it be drunk and gulpt up and down into the throat, is an excellent help for sore throats.

49. They are divelliſh, or possest with Divels, in whose Nativities *Saturn* is Lord of the place of the *Moon*, and the *Moon* then under the beams of the *Sun*; or if *Mars* be Lord of the place of the *Moon*, opposite to the *Sun*, especially in *Sagitary*. *Haly Abenragel.*

50. To keep Beasts safe that the blind Mou
called a Shrew do not bite them. Enclose the san
Mouse quick in chalk, which when it his hard, ha
the same about the neck of the beast that yo
would keep safe from biteing; And it is most ce
tain that he shall not be toucht nor bitten, as it
aforelaid. *Vigetius.*

51. I hear (saith *Mizaldus.*) that it is observe
and proved, that a Cow, an Ewe, a She-Ass, a Bitc
a She-Cat, and such other Domestical and tam
beasts of the Female kind, will cast their Ca
Lamb, Colt, or that they go withal, if the Ma
by whom they conceived, be killed, while the
went with the same. Such a strong and vehemen
concord or agreement of nature is between or a
mong them.

52. A notable Oyntment, for the Head-ach, com
ing of any cause, wherewith you must anoint th
pulses in the temples, and all the forehead; Tak
of the juice of fresh Camomil four ounces, of th
juice of fresh Roses two ounces, of fresh Rue an
Betony of each one ounce and a half, of the juic
of the Roots of Holloik, two ounces, of Oyl
Rosate Omphacin one pound and a half, of the be
and purest Alablaster, three ounces, pouder of Al
blaster finely beaten, then put into the Oyle, an
let it lye therein a day and a night, then mix the
all together, and with sufficient white Wax, mak
it into an Oyntment, which Oyntment, is goo
for any pain in the head, proceeding of any matte
or cause. And it may be used at any time of the
or pain, except the beginning. *Emprica Benedi*
Victorii Faventini.

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53. An excellent diſtilled water for hearing, followeth. Take of the juice of Betony, of the juice of Onions, either of them ſix ounces, of the leaves of Roſemary ſtamped one handful, of the Oyl of bitter Almonds three ounces, and one white Eele, groſs chopt and cut in ſmall pieces; mix them all together, and diſtil them, and the Liquor which comes thereof, keep in a Glaſs; drop two or three drops thereof into your Ear, four or five times together, and it will help the deafneſs. *Mizaldus.*

54. It is much to be marvelled, at the little bird called a Wren, being faſtned to a little ſtick, of Hazel newly gathered, doth turn about and roaſt himſelf. *Cardanus* and *Mizald.*

55. Thou mayſt make fair pictures, veſſels, and many other fine things, with ſmall coſt, and expences, as followeth: Seeth the bark of the Elme Tree, and the tops of the Poplor tree, and whiles they are very hot, put thereto moſt pure and fine Lime, until all the ſame be like Curds of Milk. Afterwards put thereto the whiteſt Marble, that is well and finely beaten into pouder, and ſeirced, and then caſt the ſame in what frame you will, then dry them in the ſhadow.

56. Take water Mints that are ſtamped, and lay them to the midſt of the Brow, and to the Nape of the Neck, of one that is mad; and it will help, and much relieve him. But firſt tickle him on the Brow: and it will diſpoſe him to ſleep, and then apply it to him, as is before mentioned; but if he be too far gone, that will not help him; then take a Tench, and cleave it in the midſt, and ſo warm,

lay the one part to his brow, and the other to th nape of the neck; and without doubt it will he him, if ever he ſhall have help. This I took o of an excellent written book.

57. For burning with Fire, Take oyl Olive, an put it into cold water, and ſtir it well together, t it be well mixt, then anoint the burnt place ther with, and lay a Wort leaf upon it, and it will he it ſpeedily. Proved.

58. Stamp Mallows and Garlick together, an mingle it well with white Wine, then ſtrain it we and drink a good draught thereof Nine times, an it will make thee make water of what occaſio ſoever the ſame is ſtopt. This is affirmed fo truth.

59. If you will bring forth, or hatch Eggs with out a Hen, cover your Eggs in hot horſe dung, (ſ that the bigger part of the Egg be upward) but eve ry fifth or ſixth day, ſhift them with new horſe dung, with a temperate heat as the heat of a Hen but remember that the Eggs muſt be turned, and a bout the time of the hatching, or when they ſhoul come forth of the ſhell, put them under a Hen.

60. Although, the fruit of a Medler tree by na ture be reſtrictive or binding, nevertheleſs the pou der of it doth vehemently break the ſtones in th reyn, and drives them forth, which *Anthoni Muſa* an excellent Phiſitian doth witneſs, that h hath proved with moſt happy ſucceſs on himſelf *Mizaldus.*

61. The blood of an Hare dryed and made in pouder, and thrown upon fleſh newly roaſted o ſodden, makes the ſame fleſh ſeem to be bloody an corrupt

corrupt: ſo that they that be preſent, and ſee the ſame, unleſs ſuch as know the ſecret thereof, will loath to eat thereof. *Mizald.*

62. The ancient Wiſe Men have ſaid, that he that is taken Priſoner in the hour of the Sun, ſhall eſcape within the ſpace of one Month: and in the hour of Venus, he ſhall eſpcape at the end of forty days, and in the hour of Mercury, he ſhall have long Impriſonment; and he that is taken Priſoner in the hour of the Moon, his buſineſs and ſtate ſhall be changed according to the applications which the *Moon* hath with fortunate, and infortunate Planets, whereby the eaſineſs and ſlowneſs of his delivering ſhall be eſteemed. Alſo he that is taken Priſoner in the hour of Saturn, he ſhall endure long impriſonment: and he that is taken Priſoner in the hour of Jupiter, he ſhall be delivered quickly. And they that be taken Priſoners in the hour of *Mars*, many ſorrows and troubles ſhall happen to them during their impriſonment, for he ſhall be put in Fetters, and ſhall be beaten, and he ſhall ſuffer great ſorrows, and labours, *Haly Abenragel.*

63. This medicine following, will ſurely heal a ſcald head. Take Oyl Olive, and put it into a diſh with fair water, and beat or ſtir them well together, as you ſhould make butter, then take it up, and put it into a Veſſel, and put pouder of Brimſtone, and *May* butter thereto, and make an Oyntment thereof, wherewith anoint the fore-head, and doubtleſs it will heal it.

64. Woodbine leaves ſtampt, and laid on Warts, (uſing them ſix times) will quickly deſtroy them.

65. *Francis*, Marques of *Mantua* did so instruct or teach a Dog, that he used him as a very good servant, in calling of such of the Court as he would, *Blondus.*

66. *Abenzoar*, an excellent Physician among the *Arabians* declares, that once there was such a famine in the Country, that the People was driven to pluck the Dead Bodies out of their Graves, and did suck the marrow of their Bones. A thing horrible to be heard, but more horrible to be done; from which need or hunger, I beseech God keep us.

67. If the seed that are found in the round knobs of the lesser Bur-leaf, be made in very fine pouder, and so given with a little good and pure white Wine, it purgeth the sand marvellously effectually from the Reins, but more speedily, if it be drank with *Aqua Vitæ*, *Mizald.* had this of one that proved it.

68. If you seeth Mugwort in water, and plaister it hot upon the Navel and Thighs of a Woman labouring with Child, it causeth both Child-birth and the after burthen also: but if it tarry long there it will cause the Matrix to follow, *Rogerius.*

69. For scalding and burning that it be not seen. Take Sheeps sewet and sheeps dung, and the inner rind of Elder, and boil them altogether, then strain them through a course Canvas Cloath, and so keep it in some clean Vessel, which when you do use you must melt in a sawcer, or some other thing, and lay on the burn'd place with a feather, Prov'd.

70. To draw out a Tooth, fill an Earthen pot with Emmets or Ants and their Eggs, and set the same pot in hot Embers, so long until all be burned into

into Aſhes, and when any doth ake, which you would draw forth without any pain, then take of the ſame Pouder, and touch the Tooth therewith, and it will fall out.

71. Anoint the Freckled face with the blood of a Hare, or of a Bull, and it will do them away, and make the skin fair. Proved.

72. This following will help the hardneſs of the ſide, called the *Elfcake*. Take the Root of Gladen, and make pouder thereof, and give the diſeaſed party half a ſpoonful thereof to drink in white Wine, and let him eat thereof, ſo much in his Pottage at one time; and it will help him within a while. This was told me for a very truth.

73. Mugwort ſteeped in Roſe-water, doth help trembling or ſhaking hands, if they be waſht therewith *Mizald.*

74. You ſhall know whether the Toad-ſtone called *Crapaudina*, be the right and perfect ſtone or not. Hold the ſtone before a Toad, ſo that he may ſee it, and if be a right and true Stone, the Toad will leap toward it, and make as though he would ſnatch it from you, he envieth ſo much that a man ſhould have the Stone. This was credibly told *Mizaldus* for truth, by one of the French Kings Phyſicians, which affirmed, that he did ſee the tryal thereof.

75. Garlick being ſown when the Moon is under the Earth, and pluckt up when the Moon is above the Earth; it is ſaid, that then his ſtinking ſmell will be gone, *Soclon Græcus*, & *Palladius* report that the Garlick will be made the ſweeter, if in the planting thereof you do ſet the Stones of Olives round

round about it, or else if you set the Garlick bruised.

76. Lay a Spunge upon any Ach, Gout, dipt in warm Wine of the decoction of Cummin, and it will draw out the hurtful humours. It hath been proved, *Pet. Hisp.*

77. Take the Juice of Elder-berries, and anoint Warts therewith, and it will destroy them.

78. If you take the outward Rind of the Radish Root, and the Herb Mercury, of either one ounce, of Saffron three grains, of *Cassia Lignea*, finely poudered one dram, the Juice of Savin, two drams, and then mix them, and let them all be beaten together, and then tie the same in a fine Linnen cloth, that is thin, and then joyn it to the neck of the Matrix of a woman that is in her Travel, and in the hour of the Birth, (which else should bring forth her Child with difficulty) by and by she will be brought to Bed, It is a secret, *Benedictus Victorius Favent.*

79. If you pluck out one of the Eyes of a black Dog whiles he is living, and will carry it with you, it will make that no Dogs shall bark at you; yea, tho' you walk among them: But it will be more sure, if you put thereto a little of the heart of a Wolf. *Sextus Platonicus* and *Albertus.*

80. The Juice of Knot-grass, drunk with the Powder of seaven Pepper Cornes, before the Fit, doth quite put away the *Quartan Ague*. But it is said that the herb must be gathered upon a Thursday, and the Juice then likewise thereof, must be gotten and strained (the Moon decreasing, which is between the Full Moon and the change.) *Mizaldus* had

had this out of an old Book of secrets, written with the hand of one called *Janus* or *Faunus*.

81. A Bath wherein Emmets, or Ants and their Eggs, (being stampt) and sodden doth quickly heal an old, and almost Incurable Joynt Sickness. Proved.

82. If they that have the falling Sickness, do use to receive twice or thrice in the week, at their going to Bed, one of these little Pills following, without doubt they will be whole thereof, how soever it comes. Take of the best *Castoreum*, *Assafetida*, of either half a dram, of the root of Piony, finely poudered one dram, *Aromaticum Rosatum*, two drams, mix them together with the Sirrop of Mints and make thereof seven Pills, (you may have all this at the Apothecaries.) This a proved secret *Empirica. Benedicti*.

83. An excellent Oyntment for the Gout. Take three pound of Walwort, and stamp it well, then melt one pound of *May* Butter, and put thereto, and let them stand so Nine days together, then boyl the same half an hour on the Fire, then strain it through Canvas, and so annoint the pained place therewith. It is a notable and proved thing, not much unlike to one in this Book, to that effect, described by *Mizaldus*.

84. This Medicine following; will destroy the Itch in any part of the body. Take Oyl-Debay, one ounce, and one ounce of Quick-silver, first killed with fasting Spittle, which must be killed therein with stirring of them together three mornings; and add thereto two ounces of borrow Hogs Grease, then therewith anoint the Palms of your Hands

Hands, and the Soles of the Feet, and within three or four times ſo doing, it will kill the Itch.

85. If you will make a Candle that will not be put out, fill a Can with the pouder of Brimſtone, and with a Linnen Cloth torn in very litte pieces, then cover the ſame with Wax, and ſo ſet it on fire, and then it will not be put out, neither with Billows nor Wind.

86. Oyl where Frogs be ſodden, until the fleſh be gone from the Bone, doth marvelouſly help all effects of the Sinews and the Joints, and alſo all parts of the Body that are cold, or benummed, if the places affected be anointed therewith, being firſt made warm. This is gotten out of the ſecrets of *Janus*.

87. If you will bring into one place, or elſe kill all Worms and Beaſts, that are hurtful in a Garden. Take the Belly or Paunch of a Weather newly killed with all the Filth or Dung that is in it, and bury the ſame in the place where they be, and cover it a little with Earth, and then within two dayes thou ſhalt ſee all the Worms and Vermine, gathered thither; if you do this twice or thrice, you ſhall make all the hurtful Worms and things to gather together there; and then you may caſt earth upon them, or elſe kill them as you liſt. *Mizaldus* did underſtand that this was proved.

88. An evil Planet in *Leo*, doth ſhew or betoken ſhort life of the Father of that child then born. *Taiſnier*.

89. The Juice of Betony, put in the Ear, ſomething hot or luke-warm, will both put away pains, and the deafneſs of the Ears (if there be any)

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and also Impediments of the same. I have proved this divers times, and found it excellent good in this case.

90. This Water following, is both proved, and precious against Fistulaes; and also it so hardneth Iron, that you may cut another piece of Iron, therewith, as easily as if the same were Wood. Take of Earth-worms, and draw of thence a Water by Distillation, and likewise draw Water of Rediſh Roots, both which Waters mix together, then put therein an edged iron Knife made red hot; the same thus heated and quenched, for three or four times, by an equal quantity used at each time, and the Knife tempered with the Edge, then dip it red hot again into the same Water, and then after, you may cut Iron safely and easily therewith; and this Water is also marvellous in Fistulaes.

91. It is said, that if Horses be shod with that Iron wherewith one hath been before killed, it makes the same Horses very lively and quick. And if of the same you make a Bit or Snaffle, that Horse that hath it in his mouth, will be made Tame, and easie to be handled, yea, tho' he be never so wild, stubborn or given to biting. *Rasis* and *Albertus*.

92. If a Horse cannot Stale, or Piss, or else doth the same hardly, or with much Grief or Pain, beat his body all about easily, mildly, or gently, with the Boughs of Eldern, full of Leaves; then after cover his Head, Neck, and all the body with the same Leaves, and it will help him very much. *Simonita Cardinalis*.

93. A Water, whereby the Physitian doth marvels, and is reputed as a Prophet: Take of Filings

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of Silver or Brass, of Iron, of Lead, of Steel, of Gold, of Spume, of Silver and Gold, of Sorax, according to the Riches or Povertie of the Patient: First of all, let them be put into the Urine of a Boy that is a Virgin, the second day in warm White Wine, the third day in the Juice of Fennel, the fourth lay them in the Whites of Eggs, the fifth day in womans Milk, that gives suck to a Boy; the sixth day in Red Wine, the seventh day in seven Whites of Eggs, and put that only into a Still, at an easie Fire; and that that shall Distill, keep in a Vessel of Gold or Silver. Silence is to be kept of the praise of this Water, because it may not be bought. For his Virtue doth qualifie Leprous persons, it heals and destroys a pure Lepry: it wipes away, or takes away every spot; it preserves youth, it makes the Eye fair: I cease to speak of the secrets of this Water, for because I fear least they that have it should be puft up with pride, *Trotula de Passion Mulier.*

94. This following is a proved thing, for the sounding of the Ears, or Wind in the same. Take Almonds and the Kernels of Peaches, and let them be clean peeled in hot Water; then stamp them, and get Oyl out of them, and put of the same Oyl, with Tents wet in the same, into the sounding Ear, or otherwise grieved; which Tents must be made of fine Linnen Cloth; and do thus with new Tents every day once, for the space of Nine or Ten days, and it will put away the sounding and other pains of the Ears. This I learned of one that came out of *Spain*; and I proved it to be very true.

The End of the Seventh Book.

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1.

YOU shall make Vinegar by and by, and if you do pour pure and good Wine half sod, into a new earthen Vessel, and let it be well covered and stopt, and so set the same spot in hot scalding water.

2. A Wolf first seeing a man, doth lift up his Voice, and as a Victor doth despise him: but if he perceive that the man hath espied him first, he lays away his fierceness and cannot run, *D. Ambrosius, Virgil, Plato, Sextus Platon.* and others.

3. There is a deadly War between the Hawk and the Eagle; who are sometimes so fast together in their fight, thath they are both taken or catcht thereby, *Plin.*

4. To take the Birds that eat the Seeds that are sown, seeth Garlick, that it may not grow again, for it is said to profit marvellously, if it be thrown unto them: for they that shall eat of it, will be taken with your hand, *Mizaldus.*

5. If you give one of these Pills following, every night going to bed, to him that hath the Palsie, it will help him, for it is proved. Take of herb Ivy, Cowslips, Betony, of the Flowers of *Stichados Arabici*, of each one dram; let them be dried in the shadow, and make them in pouder: then take good

good Turbith one dram, of the best Agarick two drams, *Colloquintida* half a dram, Ginger, Salgem, of either ten grains; good and chosen Rubarb one dram and a half, Spikenard seven grains, the pouder of *Giera simplex Galeni* half an ounce, Scamonie prepared, one dram; Let them all be made into fine pouder, and with the Juice of Herb Ivie, make a mass of Pills. The weight to be given at one time, is, one Pill of one Scruple. And mark if he that hath the Palsey, take this ordinary Pill, (not once every day, but twice in the week at the least) you shall see a sudden help in the Palsey. These Pills may worthily be called glorious Pills for the Palsey. *Emperica Benedicti Victorii Faven.*

6. A certain man finding or catching a Mouse, did hit his Wife therewith on the left cheek, being with Child, who after was delivered of a Wench, which wench had, and hath the mark of a Mouse on her left Cheek. This was told by a credible woman, who said moreover, that the name of this wenches Father was *Thomas Buckman*, dwelling at that time in *Norfolk*, at a certain Town called *Dysse*. This affirms my other writing thereof.

7. You may turn white Wine into Red, without any hurt, or detriment by and by: If the Pouder of Honey, (that is first sod into a stony substance, and then dryed, and so made into Pouder) be cast into white Wine, and mixing it well in the same, with roling it up and down together. The Roots of any kind of Docks, either new or dried, put into the wine, will perform the same with less business.

8. Garlick being stampt with Hogs, or Barrows Grease,

Greaſe, and made ſomething thick like an Oyntment, doth marvellouſly help them that have the Cough, and have taken cold, if the Soles of their Feet, and their Back-bone before the fire be anointed therewith.

9. Whoſoever hath any fixed Star, of the firſt Honour, or Magnitude, in the Degree of their Horoſcope, or in the Degree of their Cuſpe, of the tenth Houſe, or in the Degree of the Sun by day, or in the Degree of the Moon by night, he ſhall poſſeſs greater Riches and Honours, than his Anceſtors have done, of the nature of the fixed Star. Indeed this is true, if that fixed Star be of ſmall Latitude, but if it be of great Latitude, his ſtrength will ſmally appear in the Nativity of the Child. *Taiſner.*

10. This Water following is excellent good to clear a dim Sight, if two or three drops thereof be put into the Eyes at a time, uſeing it certain dayes together. Take of the Water of Vervin, the Water of Roſes, and the Water of Fennel, of each four ounces, white ſtrong Wine three ounces, Tutty prepared, and Sugar Candy, of either three drams, Aloes Hepatick two drams: Let all them be beaten in fine Pouder that are to be Poudered, and put them into Water and Wine, mixing all together, and let them remain and ſtand a whole day, then ſtrain them eaſily, and keep the Liquor in a fair Glaſs, and uſe it as is aforeſaid. This is a precious thing for the Sight of Eyes.

11. A marvellous Medicine for Wounds and Sores. Take a handful of Arſmart, wet in fair water, then lay it in the wound, or ſore, after bury the

ſame Arſmart in ſome moiſt ground; and the ſaid Wound, or Sore, will afterward miraculouſly heal, as the ſame Herb doth Rot and conſume. This I had of one that affirmed it to be true: I think it is written by *Paracelſus*.

12. The Bodies of Drowned, or Dead Men do Float on the Water with their Faces and Bellies upward; but dead Women do Float on the Water grovelling, or with their Faces downward, contrary to their Procreation: But they do Float or Swim above the Water, out of whom the Lungs are taken, *&c. Mizaldus.*

13. The Water of Marigolds, doth help all Diſeaſes of the Eyes, and takes away all pains of the Head: And the Smoak of the Flowers thereof taken or received by a Fundible, into the ſecret Parts of a Woman, or elſe otherwiſe taken, doth bring forth eaſily the after burthen. This ſecret *Mizaldus* did get of an old Midwife, which had need of his help otherwiſe.

14. The Head of a Glead unfeathered burned, and ſo much thereof taken with Water and drunk, as you may take up with three fingers, helps them that have the Gout. *Galenus.*

15. If any come or ſend to thee in the Hour of *Jupiter*, it is for no harm, but rather for good: Therefore doubt it not, and though it ſhould ſeem to be ſome harm or loſs at the firſt, yet at length it will turn to good. The oftner one tries it, the truer he ſhall find it, ſo that he be not Retrograde or Combuſt.

16. Oak Fern (called *Polypodium*) ſtampt and plaiſtered upon the feet of a woman travelling of

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Child, causeth the Birth of the Child, either alive or dead. This was told me for a great Secret.

17. Take of the Grease of Swine, or Hog, and rub therewith the Body of any that is sick, against the Heart, or Soles of his Feet; then give that grease to a Dog; which if he eat, the Party will escape; if not, it is a token that he will dye thereof.

18. This following will help them that be deaf, Take a peice of Green Elme, or Ash, and lay it in the Fire, and receive the Water that cometh out of the ends thereof; and take also a spoonful of the Grease of an Eel that is red beneath the Navel boyl all these together a little on the fire, and put it into a Glass, and when he goeth to bed, put some thereof into his Ear, Luke-warm, and in two or three days, he will be whole, and hear well, Proved.

19. To draw out a Tooth without any pain. Take the Gum of Ivy, and green Ivy Leaves, of each a like weight, and burn to Pouder in a New Earthen pot; and when it is made in fine Pouder, mix it together with the milk of Spurge, and put some thereof into the Tooth that you would have out, if it be hollow; if not, touch the Tooth therewith, and it will fall out; but beware you touch no other Tooth therewith.

20. *Elianus* doth report, that no sick Person of the *Cocraenses*, should upon pain of Death, drink any wine without the consent and knowledge of the Phisician; or any other give it them, without the commandment of the Phisician.

21. If you will prove, whether there be any water mix'd with Wine or not, put an Egg into the Wine,

and if the Egg ſink into it, there is water mixt with it, and if the Egg ſwim, then it is pure Wine.

22. If the Scull of an aged man be hung in a Dove houſe, Pigeons will be increaſed there, and will live quietly, as *Albertus* and *Mizal.* do write.

23. The Juice of Bay-leaves diſtilled into the Ears, doth not permit deafneſs, nor other ſtrange ſounds to abide in the Ears, *Pet. Hiſpanus.*

24. A queſtion was asked of the ſtate of a certain perſon being ſick, and of what condition the Diſeaſe was, and whether he ſhould recover thereof, or not, *&c.* It ſeemed at that ſight, that the Party was whole for whom the queſtion was made becauſe the Sun was in the Tenth-Houſe, and the part fortunate in the Aſcendent, but many other Teſtimonies ſhewed the contrary: and alſo Mars did corrupt Venus, Lady or Almuten of the Aſcendent, and Venus alſo was under the Beam of the Sun, and began to be Combuſt, diſtant from the Sun ten degrees: For Venus in the twenty eighth degree of *Sagitary*, and the Sun in the Eighth degree of *Capricorn*: Which two Degrees in *Sagitary* did ſignifie two Months, being a common Sign, and the eighth degrees in *Capricorn* being a moveable Sign, did ſignifie eight days: Therefore it was to be doubted of the Sick perſon, about two months and the eight days after the queſtion was made, as God would ordain it; and ſo it hapned right, by the appointment of God to whom it belongs to Cure Infirmities and Griefs, to raiſe up the dead, and to Moderate the earthly Bodies and to diſpeaſe inferiour things by means, to whom be Glory, Amen. *Guilelmus, Anglicus in ſuo Tra-*

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statu de Urina non visa. This is True.

25. An excellent Medicine for the Ach in the Bones, or Arms, or any other place of the Body. Anoint the place where the Pain or Ach is, with good and pure *Aqua Compositia*, by the fire, and let it drink in; do thus three or four times together; then at the last time, while it is wet, cast upon the wet place where the Ach is, the pouder of *Olibanum* (which is the fairest and whitest of the Frankincense) and so lay a linnen Cloath upon the Pouder, and sew it fast, and so let it lie three or four days, until it be well and whole; which will be by that time God willing. Proved.

26. *Eunuchus*, that is, he that is Gelded, is never Bald nor Gouty, *Hippocrates*.

27. It is a thing worthy of Memory, that *Lampridius* writes of *Heliogabalus*, the *Roman* Emperor: Who saith, He had four harts in his Chariot that carried him, and so many Dogs, calling himself *Diana*, and four Tygers, calling himself *Bacchus*; and four Lyons, calling himself *Sibyl*, and he joyned four Women to his Chariot, as *Sesostris* King of *Egypt* did with four Kings. O proud presumptuous Prince! He might ride a good while in that Chariot, ere it would bring him to Heaven.

28. It is not good to bury any too hastily, especially such as have had the Apoplexie, the Falling-sickness, and that are suffocate with the strangulation of the Womb, called the Mother; for such may seem to be dead, and revive again within three days. For it was the fourth day after *Lazarus* died, ere Christ did raise him from

Death to Life; Left any should report, that *Lazarus* had the Apoplexie, or the Falling-sickness or such like, and therefore but in a Trance, or not perfectly dead, whereby the just Merit of Christ's marvellous Miracle thereof might be darkned. This is the meaning of *Lemnius*, in his second Book of the secret Miracles of Nature. Therefore it is very meet to know, whether any such be perfectly dead, or not; which you may do, by holding a little burning Candle at the parties Nose, whose mouth is open; or else by setting some little Cup or Glass full of water to the Brim, upon the said Parties Belly or Navel; For by the moving of the flame of the Candle, or of the Vessel with Water, you shall perceive his secret breathing, and whether there be any Life in him, or not, *Camillus*.

29. An approved Medicine doth follow for the shortness of Breath, and doth marvellously help the same: For if half an ounce thereof be given to the Patient thrice in a Natural Day, that is, three hours before Dinner, two hours before Supper, and about Midnight; continuing the same three or four days, and no more, you shall see the diseased healed. Take of Manna Elect, or chosen, called *Manna Granata*, two ounces, the Flowers of Cassia newly drawn, half an ounce; Penydes three ounces; Oyl of sweet Almonds, being new, one ounce; the Lights or Lungs of a Fox finely beaten and powdered, two ounces, (make the rest in powder that are to be powdered) then mix all together and make thereof an Electuary with the Syrup of Hyssop *Emperica Benedicti Victorii Veronensis*. You may have it well made at the Apothecaries. I have tried

tried it to be an Excellent thing in this Case.

30. If you will break the great Heat of Wine in the Vessel, cast into the same a little piece of Cheese, and then you shall see a marvelous thing: And why that is. *Georgius Valla Placentinus* doth teach.

31. If you anoint your hands, or other parts of your Body, with a Liniment made of Nettle Oyl, and a little Salt, it will defend the Party therewith Anointed, from the bittrest Cold that is. *Mizaldus.*

32. If there be Branches of Bay-Tree, wrapt up or laid among Cloaths and Books, will keep the same safe from Moths, Worms, and other corruption. *Dioscorides.*

33. If you stamp Ants Eggs, and strain them thorow a Cloth, and put thereto the juice of Swines Grass, or Knot-Grass, and drop it into the Ears, it helps a long continued Deafness.

34. A Pouder to preserve the Sight. Take Berony, Rue, Celandine, Saxifrage, Lovach, Annis-seeds, Cinamon, Eye-bright, of each one handful, *Cardamomum*, Ginger, Fennel, Petrosellne, Hyssop, Organy, Syler Mountain, of each one dram, Galingal an ounce, Sugar one ounce: Let a Pouder be made of these, and let it be taken continually with Meat, and the Sight will be restored and kept. This pouder was ordained by Master *Gerald*, whose trial an old man did prove, which used Spectacles Twelve years, so that without them he could not See great Letters; but after he had used this Pouder, only one Fourty dayes, he was Free, into much that all the time of his Life, he did see, and

read the least letter that was. This *Torella* hath written in the latter end of his Book, *De passionibus mulierum.*

35. An excellent way to get the Water out of swoln legs, whereby to make them as slender as they were before. Seeths Oates in Water until they be tender, then let the party diseased hold his leg that is swoln over the Vessel, that it may receive the fume or smoak of the said Oates, and cover the party with something that it may go down round about the Vessel, and then blisters will come upon the leg or swoln place, out of which will run much water and corruption, then after anoint the place with butter. Do thus four or five several times if need be. This is proved.

36. Two or three drops of pure *Aqua compositæ* put into the eyes morning and evening, every other day, for the space of 4 or 5 daves, will clear the sight, and help the eyes of a cold, cattle-marvellously. An old Gentlewoman that tryed it on her self did reveal it to me.

37. The herb Dandelyon well sod in water, is counted to be a chief help for the joining or knitting of wounds. It is good against Ruptures, or for them that be broken or bursten.

38. A marvellous Water, that soon and easily may be prepared, more precious than Gold. It is made as followeth. Put fair and clear water into a Vessel, wherein there was never before any Liquor, or before never occupied, and when the Water is very hot, put it to quick Lime, being before in another new and clean Vessel, and let it remain and rest so long until you have taken all

all the foul Spume that floats above from the same, and that all the Lime be settled to the bottom; and the Water very clear, then pour out the Water very softly, without moving the Lime to the bottom, and keep the same Water in a fair clean Glass or some other clean vessel well covered and stopt, until you use the same; it will scantly be believ'd what a miraculos virtue and power it hath in all kind of Ulcers, and chiefly such as spring of the *French Pox*; For the same being Bath'd, moistned, and with a Linnen Cloth dipt or wet in the said Water something warm a pretty while, and then a Linnen Cloth well wet in the same, and laid upon the Ulcer or Sore in manner of a Plaister, and after renewed again: It wipes clean away all the Filth or Corruption, It ceaseth the pains, it fills the Ulcer with flesh and it quite quencheth the Heat or inflamations in a small time, not without a great Miracle; for otherwise, quick Lime doth burn with vehemency of his Heat, Let them enjoy this most excellent Secret, which for great Prayer and Price to many I have refused to utter. Thus much *Mizaldus*.

39. Myrh given to drink in warm Wine, the quantity of a big Nut, causeth the deliverance of the Child, either quick or dead. *Petrus Hispanus*.

40. Here followeth a blessed Water for the Gout. Take of Roman Vitriol two pounds, of distilled Hony four Pints, Distil these together, (making the Vitriol first in Pouder) and when it is Distilled, add to the same the third part thereof, of *Aqua Vitæ* rectified, which diligently mixed keep to your use, and anoint the sore grieved place there-

therewith: do this morning, and evening, until you feel your self well, which will be (God willing) within seven or eight dayes at the farthest, I wrote this out of an old Book. I think it is also in the new Jewel of Health, which is a worthy Book, and full of many strange and excellent things.

41. The smoak of Ivy burned, doth drive away Batts and Reremice, from that place, where the same smoke is.

42. If any doth ask thee (having knowledge in Astrology) for any thing wherein he hath a hope to have, Mark if the Lord of the Eleventh House apply to the Lord of the Ascendent, or the Lord of the first house, to the Lord of the eleventh house judge that he shall have the thing which he hopes to get or have, and he shall come to it. And if the Aspect be of Trine or Sextile, he shall quickly and easily and by good means obtain it: but if it be by a Quartile or Opposite Aspect, he shall get it with rediousness and labour. Furthermore if thou dost find the Lord of the eleventh house in an Angle and received: then judge that he shall have the thing which he so hopes to have, even as he desires. *Haly Abenragel.*

43. A piece of the root of Crowfoot, either put into the hollow of a tooth, if there be any, or applyed to the tooth that aketh, will help the same immediately. A sure proved and often tryed Medicine.

44. Whosoever hath a soreness in the Throat, or else any hard swelling there, called the Squinancy, or *Angina*, and perhaps thereby doth hardly draw his breath, let them apply this following often

oftentimes in a day, and it will soften and dissolve it, for it is proved. Take the Roots of Hollioch, cut in small pieces, and made clear, Camomil, the flowers of Violets, the flowers of Mallows, with the roots of each one handful, let them boyl all in a sufficient quantity of Water, until the Water be consumed; then put to the same the flower of Barly, Linseed, and Fenugreek, well stamped and beaten, of each a handful, the Grease of a Hen, one ounce, Oyl of Camomil, and Oyl of sweet Almonds, of either alike much, which will be enough to make the Plaister fat. This I know to be an excellent remedy in this case; which I learned of *Benedictus Victorius Faventin*, in his book called *Empirica Benedicti, &c.*

45. This Medicine following will help any pains or weakness of the back. Take a quart of Malmesey, of Balm, Nep and Maidweed, (which Maidweed is a stinking Herb, having a flower like a Daysie,) of each one a handful: Stamp the Herbs well, and strain them well into the Malmesey, or put some of the Malmsey in the stamping, to them, and strain into the rest of the Malmesey, and drink a good draught thereof every morning fasting, and at night when you go to bed, and within three or four days, it will help you perfectly (God willing.) A notable and often proved Medicine.

46. Drink the Juice of Century, once every Morning, four dayes together, and it will make thee sing clear, and speak with a good Voice. It cleanseth the Breast marvellously. I. Often proved.

47. Mints

47. Mints doth abhor Iron, as Rew doth Basil; for if Mints be given to one that is wounded, he will not easily wax whole. If Mints be mixed with Milk, and after taken from the same, and the Runnet of Chestip put into the same Milk, the same Milk will never go, gather together, or come to Curd.

48. Whosoever falls sick in the hour of *Saturn*, his infirmity or disease will be prolonged, (or he will be long sick) and after he will die of the same sickness.

49. Fill a Fallow Tooth with Crows dung, and it will break the Tooth and take away the pain.

50. A certain woman that used *Mizaldus* for her Physitian, had a Belly dit so swell, that it seemed she was not able to carry her burthen: from whom (about the end of nine months) there came an evil shapen mass or piece, whereunto were ears like the handles of a Cup fastned, like Arms: with feeling after that, there did fall from her womb a Monster with a Crooked bill or beak, with a long and round neck, with brandishing Eyes, a sharp tail, marvellous quick of Foot, and so soon as it saw light, it filled the parlour or place with noise, and so did run from place to place, but at last Women following it, did smother or choak it to death with pillows. After, the Woman almost worried, not without great danger of her Life, did bring forth a boy, which was so tormented of the Monster, that they had much ado to Christen it with life. *Lemnius* is the Author.

51. Culver dung sodden in wine, till the Wine be

be consumed, and them emplaistered hot to the Gout, healeth the same perfectly; use it morning and evening four or five days together, *Pet. Hispanus.*

52. To restore the deaf to hearing, Take the foot of Hounds-tongue out of the Earth, and make a hole in the Root, as long and deep as you can, and fill the same hole with Salt, and cover it well that nothing can come within it, then set it in the Earth again as it was, and cover it with earth; and let it be there three days, and at the three days end, take it up, and that which you find therein, keep it in some clean Glass, and put some thereof into the deaf Ear: Let him use it every evening at his going to bed, until he hear clearly, which will be within a fortnight at the furthest, (God willing) and when you do it into his ear, let him lie in his bed that the Liquor may enter. This I had out of an old written Book.

53. Take two little pieces of good Liquorish (the bark scraped away) of the length of a pin, and of the bigness of two Barly straws, and put either of them into your mouth, between your gums and your cheeks; that is on either side one; and so let them lye all the whole night. Use this every night for a fortnight at the least, and without doubt, it will stop or stay the Rume, for it congeals the thin rhume into thick flegm, so that you may spit it out. This helpt one that was without all hope to be helpt.

54. To help the Pox in the eyes, Take Saffron, and lay it in a sawcer with fair water, and let it stand till it be yellow, & then drop some of it into the

the Eye with a Feather, and it will destroy the Pox, and save the sight. This I had out of a Book.

55. When thou dost find the seventh House, and the Lord of the same to be afflicted, or Impedite, in the time of the Question of the Sick, change the Physician, for he shall not profit the sick party, either through his own error, or through the negligence of the Sick person, or through them that be about the body. The House is afflicted, if *Saturn* or *Mars* be therein, or being beholden of their Quality, or opposite Aspect; and contrary if the seventh House be well affected, as if *Jupiter* or *Venus* is there, take the Phisician to whom you make the Question, or whom you are determin'd to take, for he shall profit the Sick much, & he will quickly Cure the sick to his great praise. Therefore mark the first, or sudden calling or sending for the Phisician, for if that time, the Seventh House, and the Lord thereof be evil affect'd, the Phisician then called, or sent for, will not profit the Sick: But it follows not therefore that the Sick shall dye: But the Phisician, if he take him in hand, shall go away without honour: Therefore as soon as thou art called to go to the sick, take counsel of thy *Ephemerides*, and the Cœlestial Figure being Erected, mark whether the seventh House be well or evil affected, and so thou mayst either refuse, or take the sick in hand, *Jatromath. Gualt. Ryff.*

56. Put the Pouder of Red Corral in the hole of the Tooth, and it will fall out by the Root, *Pet. Hisp.*

57. An excellent Medicine, and a noble Restorative for man or Woman that is brought very low with

with Sickness. Take two pound of Dates, and wash them clean in fair Ale, then cut them, and take out the Stones and the white skins, then cut them small, and beat them in a Morter, till they begin to work like Wax, then take a quart of clarified Hony or Sugar, and half an ounce of the Pouder of Long Pepper, as much of Mace, of Cloves, Nutmegs, and Cinamon, of each one dram, as much of the Pouder of *Lignum Aloes*; beat all these spices together, and Seeth the Dates with the Sugar or Hony with an easie fire, and let it seeth, cast in thereto a little Pouder, by little and little, and stir it with a Splatter of Wood, and so do until it come to an Electuary, and then eat every Morning and Evening thereof, one ounce at a time, and it will renew and restore again his Complexion, be he never so low brought. This hath been proved, and it hath done good to many a Man and Woman.

58. A Notable Receipt for the Black Jaundise. Take a Gallon of Ale, a Pint of Hony, and two Handful of Red Nettles, and take a penny-worth or two of Saffron, and Boyl it in the Ale, the Ale being first Skimmed, and then boyl the Hony and Nettles therein altogether, and strain it well, and every morning take a good draught thereof, for the space of a Fortnight: For in that space, (God willing) it will clean and perfectly cure the Black Jaundise.

59. This perfectly cures the Yellow Jaundise. Take a new laid Egg, and break the Shell in the middle, and pour forth all the White, then put to the Yolk as much Pewter finely scrap't off of the Handle of a Spoon or Pot, as will lie upon a Two-

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pence, with as much Nutmeg as will lie upon a peny, and so much white Sugar-Candy beaten to pouder, as you please. Stirring them together, and so sup it up, every morning fasting, and the last thing at night; and it faileth not in three or four dayes time.

60. Whosoever in the first nine days in *May* drinks every morning fasting a little dish full of the Juice of Betony, it will do him marvellous much good for the Gout: which he shall perceive the next year following, (if he live so long.)

61. Whosoever hath the Plurisie, or is stuffed in the Stomach with tough or hard flegm, let him take a scruple, that is, the weight of 24 Barley Corns, of the pouder of the seeds of Nettles, with the Syrop of Violets, and swallow the same, as by licking it by little and little, and he shall spit out the vitious and tough humor easily. A secret of a Parisian Physitian.

62. Goats will give much Milk, if you tie Dittony about their Bellies.

63. If the grief of the Gout, or ach be too outragious, take of *Opium*, one dram, of Saffron two drams, mingle them with four or five yolks of Eggs, and plaister the same upon the grief, for it mightily asswageth the pains and dissolveth the corruption.

64. A most approved Medicine for the Emrods or Pyles. Take two or three Bricks and burn them red hot, and put them in some pain under a close stool, and sprinkle them with Vinegar, and let the party grived sit upon the said stool, that the fume thereof may ascend upward to his Fundament. Do thus

thus three or four times, if need be, and certainly it will help it.

65. If you will make Birds drunk that you may catch them with your hands, take such meat as they love, as Wheat or Beans, or such like, and lay them to steep in the Lees of Wine, or in the juice of Hemlock, and sprinkle the same in the place where the Birds use to haunt, and if they do eat thereof, straightwayes they will be so giddy, that you may take them with your hands. I wrote this out of an old written Book, wherein I know many true things were written.

66. A present help for a Woman that travelleth of Child. Take Hyssop, Vervin and Dittony, of each one handful, stamp them small, and temper them with old Ale, then strain it, and wring out the Juice, and give a good draught thereof to her that travelleth of Child to drink, and she will be delivered with speed; and the child saved and she both, so that the child be alive when she drinks it.

67. A true Medicine for the Gout; Take the juice of the flowers of Broom, and the juice of *Scalacæli*, and Honey, as much of one as of another, and seeth it all together, till it be of the thickness of Honey, and anoint the Gouty place therewith. I knew (saith the Writer hereof) a good Priest in *London* that healed all men or women therewith for the most part that came to him. This, for the great likelihood of the Medicine, and for the faithful affirming, I thought good to register among the rest.

68. It of one pound of Wax, two ounces of quick brimstone, and as much of quick Lime (put-

ting thereto a little ounce of the Oyl of Nuts) a Candle be made, with a wick of Bumbaſt, and ſo put into the water as ſoon as ever the quick Lime begins to burn, it will move the reſt of the things, apt for the fire to burn, even in the midſt of the water. *Mizaldus.*

69. A Ram will not Butt, nor run at one if his horns be bored thorow, nigh unto his Ears, *Mizaldus.*

70. Whoſoever falls ſick in the hour of *Jupiter*, he will recover his health quickly. *Haly Abenragel.* This have I proved to be true many times: And in the hour of *Jupiter* it is an excellent hour to do any thing, or to take any good thing in hand. *Mizald.*

71. A little Gun-powder put into a piece of fine linnen cloath, and the ſame put into the hollow Tooth, or holden between the Teeth, ſo that it touch the akeing Tooth, it puts away the Tooth-ach preſently. This is very true.

72. If you diſtill herb Ivy, and give the water thereof to be drunken of them that are grieved or tormented with the Gout, anointing alſo therewith the Gouty or grieved place, it will heal or help them aſſuredly. Great warranties was made of this Medicine, where I had it.

73. A ſpecial Medicine for all ſudden ſickneſs, and eſpecially of the ſtomach or breſt. Take a ſpoonful of *Aqua Vitæ*, and put therein half a ſpoonful of the pouder of Liquoriſh, and let it remain therein three hours, and drink it faſting, or at evening when you go to bed. It is a Soveraign thing for the ſtomach or breſt.

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74. Lay Saffron on the Navel of them that have the yellow Jaundise, and it will help them. This was affirmed to me as proved.

75. This following is an excellent Medicine to purge the head of naughty humours, and to help the Head-ach, the swimming of the head, and Megrim. Wash the Roots of Beets, and cut away the uppermost bark, then stamp the same, and wring out the juice thereof, then snuffe some of it out of a spoon into your nose, and a marvellous effect will follow, and a speedy remedy thereof. A Gentleman a friend of mine told me this, as an approved thing in this case.

76. Cocks that eat Garlick, are most stout to fight; therefore travellers do often bite thereof, and also such as follow Wars, because it increaseth agility, strengtheneth them and makes them bold. It is given to Horses with bread and Wine, at the hour of battle or conflict, to make them more fierce, lively; and to suffer more easily their labour and travel. *Mizaldus.*

77. If the feet of a great living Toad be cut off, the Moon void of course, that is, aspecting none, and hastens towards the Conjunction of the Sun, and hanged about the neck of him or her that hath the Kings Evil, it so profits, that oftentimes it delivers the party from the Disease. *Hieronimus Cardan.*

78. If *Jupiter* be in the Eleventh house well affected, and not retrograde, nor cumbust, nor in his fall, as in *Capricorn*, but in *Cancer*, *Sagittary* or *Pisces*, it signifies the child then born shall be fortunate, happy, and have a common love in all

things; chiefly if he have any dignity in the Ascendent, or the place of the Sun, in the Nativity of the day, or in the place of the Moon, in the Nativity of the night, *Trasmier*.

79. This Marvellous Water following, will recover the sight again, hindred of any cause, wherewith *Constantine* the Emperor received his sight. Take three drams of Tuty, made in very small pouder, as much of *Aloe Epaticum* in pouder, two drams of fine Sugar, six ounces of Rose water, as much of pure white Wine, mix all together, and put it into some clean vessel or Glass, and being well closed and stopt, set it in the Sun a month together stirring it together once every day; then take of the same Water four or five drops in your eyes morning and even, and with this continuing a certain space, it will cause the sight to come again, as fair as ever it was before: This I know is proved for an excellent Water for the Eyes, for it cleareth them marvellously. I knew one that could not thred a Needle without Spectacles, which put not past two or three drops of the same Water in his Eyes at night, and the next morning, and the same party did see well to thred a Needle without Spectacles.

80. To make a light that shall never fail. Take the Worms that shine in the night, called Glo-Worms, stam them, and let them stand till the shining matter be above, then, with a feather, take off the same shining matter, and mingle it with Quicksilver, and so put it into a Vial, and hang the same in a dark place and it will give light. This I had out of an old Book.

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81. If the Liver of a Mouſe be given in a Fig to a Swine, that Swine will follow the giver thereof. *Mizaldus.*

82. The ſound of an Eccho is thought to drive away Bees, therefore their Hives ought to be placed where the Eccho or the voice doth not ſound againſt.

83. Whoſoever takes his Journey in the hour of *Jupiter* he ſhall have good gain in his ſubſtance and in his buſineſs, and he ſhall have profit and gladneſs in things that are unlooked for. *Haly, Abenragel.*

84. If a Spider be put in a linnen cloth a little bruiſed, and holden to the noſe that bleeds, (but touch not the noſe therewith, but ſmell to the ſame) by and by the blood will ſtay, and the noſe will leave bleeding. This is very true, for the venemous Spider is ſo contrary, and ſuch an enemy to mans blood, that the blood draws back, and ſhuns the Spider preſently. A marvellous thing.

85. Write what you will on white paper, with the juice of a red Onion, well mixed and tempered with the white of an Egg, which being dry, will appear as though it were plain paper, without any writing; but if you hold it againſt the fire, you may then eaſily read it, or perceive the Letters. *Lemnius.*

86. To gild Iron or Copper, take the Gall of a Bull, and rub the Iron or Copper well therewith, ſo that you are ſure the ſame before was well burniſhed all about, that you would have gilded, and after dry it in the Sun, foreſeeing that there come no duſt thereto, and when it is dry, gild upon it,

as you would do upon Silver. *Mizaldus.*

87. Seeth an Egg in ſtong Vinegar until it be very hard, then let the ſame Egg lye three dayes in Urine, then dry it, and it will be marvellous hard; Or let an Egg lye three dayes in vinegar, then dry the ſame at the Sun three dayes, and it will be very hard.

88. Caſt Brimſtone in a Chafindiſh with hot burning coles, and hold a red Roſe over the ſmoke thereof, and it will be White.

89. To ſeperate Gold from any thing gilded; Seeth pure Sulphur revive (called quick Brimſtone) in water, until half the water be conſumed, then wet the party gilded with that water, then dry it at the fire, then ſtrike the ſame gilded place with a little Iron, and the Gold will fall from it. This I had out of an old written book.

90. To prove or find out the event of any that is ſick. Count the dayes from the beginning of his or her ſickneſs, and take the root of an herb which hath ſo many leaves, as the number of the ſame dayes be, tie it or hang it up, and if the diſeaſe be curable, the party will be much recreated; if not, then the party will be ſad; but if you cannot find any herb that have ſo many leaves, put the roots of divers herbs together, the leaves whereof together do perfectly make up the number of the ſaid dayes, from the beginning of the party's ſickneſs, and uſe them as above ſaid. This *Mizaldus* had of an Italian.

91. The bloud of a Hare dryed, doth help and ſtay the bloody flux, or any other lax, though it be never ſo ſore or extream. So doth the bones of a man

man or woman made into fine pouder, and taken in red wine.

92. An easier plaister of the Gout, but not a little effectual, because I (saith *John Ardern*) have oftentimes applyed it, as well to women as to men; and have taken away their great pains, with once applying it, as well in the feet as in the knees, and other joynts: But take heed it be not perceived of the patient nor of any other, but it ought to be kept more secret and dear, and let it be revealed to none but to thy Son or to any well-beloved friend. I do think it prevails above all other Medicines for the Gout, and easeth the pain sooner, and ought to lye five or six dayes without any moving of it, if it can be so applyed; it is made thus. Take of black Sope as much as is sufficient, whereunto add of the Yolks of raw Eggs, half as much as the Sope, and mix them well together in a dish, until the Sope hath lost his proper colour; which done lay thereof upon fine Flax, and spread it like a plaister, and then apply it to the grieved place, then take the whites of Eggs mixt with Wheat flower, and wet a Linnen cloth well in the same, and lay the same upon the said plaister, and tie it well upon it, that the plaister remove not away, of all the said time unless there be great occasion. This is proved.

63. If you seeth Barly, dry Beans, and Liquorish cut in pieces; of each alike much, all together in fair Water, and drink a good draught thereof with some Sugar every Morning fasting, and every night when you are going to bed, five or six dayes together, or more, it will destroy an Impost-

hume, and shall thereby avoid or cast out the same. Proved.

94. He will be a good Phisician in whose Nativity *Mars* and *Venus* are corporally, or by any good Aspect, conjunct. Even so if *Venus* and *Mercury* be joined, or conjunction together. Also he will be a perfect Phisician in whose Nativity *Mars* and *Venus* are conjunct in the sixth house. *Jatrom.*

95. A very little bird called *Ægithus*, doth marvellously disagree with the Ass, who in thorny places, doth scratch or rub his Ulcers or sores, whereby he doth destroy or break the nests of this Bird; whereupon it comes, that as soon as the Bird hears the voice of the Ass, she doth not only cast the Eggs out of her nest, but also her young ones (if she have any) do fall from the same, astonied with fear; so that the Bird flyes unto the Ulcers or Sores of the Ass, and pricks and thrusts at them with her bill, that she may drive him away from thence.

96. If the Lord of the Ascendent be Combust in the fourth house, or in the eighth house, it signifies that he that is then born, shall dye in prison. And if he be combust in the fifth house in a watry sign, it shews he will be given to be drunk. In the sixth house, it shews that he will dye of a long sickness. *Taysnier.*

The End of the Eighth Book.

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The Ninth Book.

1.

FIll an Egg full of the Juice of Egrimony, and give it unto the Patient to Drink, who you suspect to have drunk Poyson, and it will mightily Purge upward all the Poyson, with a wonderful facility healeth the Biting of Serpents, and other Venemous Beasts. *Pet. Hisp.*

2. This Oyl or Balm following, is of a marvellous Virtue against trembling and the Palsey, and it helpeth the Memory, anointing the Hinder part of the Head therewith; which a most singular Phisician kept private to himself for a time as a most precious Secret, which in the end revealed it to the Author; whereof the making followeth. Take of *Galbanum* one pound, (in another place I have heard it half a pound) of Gum, Ivie, three ounces, these finely beaten a part, mix together, which after put into a Glass Bottle with an head, and distil it in *Balneo Mariæ*, after it is distilled mix therewith one ounce of the Oyl of Bayes, and one pound of good Turpentine, then let the whole be distilled, and separate the Water from the Oyl, and keep the Oyl as a precious Balm. The use of this is, that the Patient vexed with the Palsey, Convulsion, the Cramp, and Trembling of Members, be laid on his Back, and the Oyl temperately hot, and poured

powred upon the Belly, into the hollow and bottom of the Navel, and you ſhall ſee after a marvellous working, that may rather be counted Divine, than Natural, and very much helpeth the Palſey, and ſtrengthneth the Memory, uſed as before. A certain Practitioner applyed one drop of this Oyl on the Patients Forehead that had the Palſey and another on his Navel, and he incontinent aroſe, as amazed, and was after one hour delivered of a grievous pain of a wound in a certain place of his body, and the ſhrunken Sinews being anointed with this Oyl, the Patient was ſuddenly healed, &c. This Oyl helpeth Deafneſs, and any ſickneſs proceeding from a cold cauſe, and helpeth beſides the loſs of Smelling. *Arnoldus de Villa nova*, I take to be the Author thereof.

3. The Hoof of a Beaſt called *Alces*, which is a wild beaſt like a Fallow Deer, having no Joynts in his Legs, hath a marvellous vertue and ſtrength againſt the Falling Evil: For a little piece thereof encloſed in a Ring, and the ſame Ring put upon the finger, next to the little finger, ſo that the ſame piece of the Hoof be turned toward the Palm of the Hand, doth recreate marvellous much, that are Fallen, and immediately makes them riſe up. A little piece of the ſame bare, and put into the hand, by and by cloſed into a Fiſt, ſuddenly drives away the Diſeaſe, and raiſeth the Party that is Fallen therewith; which *Lemnius* ſaith, he proved once or twice, and *Mizaldus* ſaith, that he proved it, putting in a little piece of the ſame in the left Ear, (moving it, as ſcratching a little,) of one that had the Falling Sickneſs, and it had a very good ſucceſs,

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and it was counted for a Miracle. *Joannes Agricola* doth say the like is done, if a little piece, of the same Hoof be hanged upon one that hath the same Disease, so that it may touch the Skin. I do hear saith *Mazaldus*, that Scraping or Filings thereof, are given in *Polonia*, for the same Disease. The Hoof of the right hinder foot is to be chosen: But you must take heed of false Deceivers, which sell the Hoofs of Oxen or Kine, for the true Hoofs of *Alces*.

4. It is a most sure and proved Remedy, as well in curing or spitting of Blood, as also in preserving from the same, every day in the Morning fasting to eat a Scruple, which is the weight of four and twenty Barley Corns, of Rubarb Roasted at the fire, *Emperica Benedicti Faventin.*

5. Bay Salt well beaten into Ponder and sifted, and Incorporated or mixt well with the Yolk of an Egg, and so laid upon any Carbuncle, Plague sore, Botch, Boyl, or Impostume, assuredly (by the Grace of God) it will draw to it self, all the Venom of the Plague, or the Sore, and break any Boyl, or other thing so that in short time the same will be healed. A tried thing.

6. If the Forehead of the sick wax Red, and his Brows fall down, and his Nose wax sharp and cold, and his left Eye become little, and the corner of his Eye run, if he turn to the Wall, if his Ears be cold, or if he may suffer no brightness, and if his Womb fall, if he will pull straws or the Cloths of his Bed, or if he pick often his nostrils with his fingers, and if he wake much, these are most certain tokens of Death.

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7. Pottage made of the Leaves and Roots of Strawberies, being eaten faſting certain dayes, of them that have the Jaundiſe, doth help them perfectly. This was the ſecret of a certain Monk, wherewith he got marvellous much Money.

8. A Serpent doth ſo hate the Aſh-tree, that ſhe will not come nigh the ſhadow of them: And therefore ſhe goes far from them, both Morning and evening, becauſe then they give the longeſt ſhadows. And *Pliny* ſaith, that he hath proved it, that if one compaſs a place about with the Branches of an Aſh-tree, ſo that there be a fire, and a Serpent enclоſed in the ſame, the Serpent will rather go into the fire, than he will ſeek to paſs over, or thorow the Aſhen Branches, *&c. Mizaldus.*

9. Juniper Berries are Medicinable againſt Poyſon, for there is none of like Operation unto it. And *Dioſcorides* ſaith alſo, that they do help againſt Poyſons, and Stingings of Serpents. *Petrus Hiſpanus.*

10. To try whether Precious Stones be pure or not, Heat a Plate of Iron on the fire, then anoint the ſame with Oyl, and caſt or ſtrew on the ſame, the Pouder of Glaſs, whereupon lay quick burning Coles, and then hold the Stone that you would try a good while over the ſame Coles, that the Stone may be hot, not touching the fire, and then if the Stone loſe his Cooler, he is not good or pure, but if he keep his Cooler, he is then perfect and right.

11. As principle a Medicine as ever was ordained for the Bone Ach, either in Women or Men, in what place ſoever it be. Take a penny worth of *Aquæ Vitæ*, and another of Oyl *De Bay*, and

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mix them together, and anoint the grieved place therewith hot by the fire, and it will take away the pain for ever, useing it often, but you must warm the Oyntment a little in a Sawcer, before you lay it on, and chafe it well, until it be dried in, and cover it warm at all times, until it be whole. Thus I found it written.

12. Egrimony, Mugwort, and Betony both Leaves and Roots stampt with old Grease and Vinegar, or Verjuice, and a Plaister thereof applyed to the grieved or sore pained Back, will quite put away Pains and Grief thereof, so that you use it three or four times. A sure and Proved Medicine. *Mizald.*

13. If you will catch Moles, Wants, put Garlick, Leeks, or an Onion in the mouths of their Hole, or in their entrings into the Ground, and you shall see them come, or Leap out quickly, as though they were amazed or astonished. *Albertus.*

14. If the Fistula be outward, put into it the Juice of Culvertoot, for it healeth it. If inward, drink it, and it healeth also. This is true, for it hath been proved.

15. For them that have Surfeited, or eaten too much. Let them stamp Betony, and temper it with hot Water, and a little Wine, then strain it well, and drink a good Draught thereof Morning and Evening, first or last, three dayes together, and it will thorowly help them, God-willing. This was told me for a Truth.

16. The two Horns of a Snail, born upon a man will pluck away Carnal or fleshly Lust from the

Bearer

Bearer thereof. I had this out of an Old written Book; but how true it is I know not.

17. For all Evils of the Stomach, and for them that cannot Eat. Take an Herb called Centory, and ſeeth it well in ſtale Ale, and when it is well ſodden, then ſtamp it, after that ſeeth it again in the ſame Ale, let ther be two handfulls of Centory, to three quarts of Ale, and let them ſeeth as before ſaid, to three Pints, then put thereto one Pint of pure Hony, and boyl them together, and keep it in ſome clean Veſſel, and give to the party griev'd, three ſpoonfuls thereof faſting every day till he be whole and well; for it drives away the Fleam and Corruption from the Stomach, and makes him have a great deſire to his Meat, within four or five dayes. Often proved.

18. The Pouder of Betony put in Wine, that is a ſpoonful of the Pouder to a draught of Wine, a little boyled on the fire be drunk; doth preſently help ſuch as have drunk Poyſon before, whoſoever drinks the ſame in a Morning faſting, no Poyſon taſted after the ſame day can hurt him. This is Proved.

19. The dung of a Cat dried, and ſo mixed with ſtrong Vinegar, that it may be ſomething thick, and therewith any hairy place rubbed often-times, or anointed in a day, it will cauſe that hair to grow no more in that place: Proved of a Country-man. *Mizaldus.*

20. If the Lapwing do ſing before the Vines do bud, it is ſaid that it foreſhews great plenty of Wine. *Mizaldus.*

21. Whoſoever delivers a Sum of Money in the hour

hour of *Jupiter*, he shall receive it again well with gain. *Haly Abenragel.*

22. This Potion, or Drink following, is wonderful, and very often proved of me, saith *Petrus Hispanus*, for it killeth the Fistula, in what place soever it be, and draweth out the corrupt and broken Bones. Take the Roots and Leaves of Plantane, Strawberry-Leaves, the Leaves or Seeds of Hemp, the Leaves, or Seeds of Mustard, the tops of sharp Docks, and Colwert Leaves, and Tansey; let them all seeth in a good quantity of White Wine; after strain all the whole, and put into the strainings as much Hony as shall be thought meet: Give thereof unto the Patient early and late, until such time as the clear Potion or Drink come forth by the mouth of the Fistula, which alwayes must be kept open with a silver Pipe put into it, and keep upon it alwayes a red Colwort Leaf. It is of a wonderful Operation, *Pet. Hisp.* And I my self have proved it, and healed in such manner as is before declared: It is a precious thing.

23. Dragons bound to the Privities of a Woman in Labour, causeth her to be delivered Incontinent. But there must be heed taken, that it be quickly removed, lest it draw forth the Matrix withal. *Pet Hispanus.*

24. Here followeth an excellent Oyl, which maketh a fair Colour in the Face. Take of Almonds scraped ten pounds, of Red Sanders in pouder six ounces, of Cloves one once, of White Wine four ounces, of Rose Water three ounces; these after they be grosly beaten together, let them lye in a Marble Morter close cover'd, for eight or nine days

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beating the ſame over once a day; then beat it all in an earthen Veſſel, until it begin to fume and be thorow hot, and after that put it into a new ſquare bag of a linnen cloth, then put the ſame bag into a preſs, between two ſmooth plates of Iron ſomething hot, for out will come a red Oyl, wherewith Women may anoint their faces; for it cauſeth a comely red fine beautiful skin. A ſecret and practiſed of few. This is the new Jewel of Health, a Book of much value and ſmall price.

25. The greaſe of an Eel, and the juice of Singreen mixed together, of each a like much, boiled a little, and a little thereof put into the deaf Ear nine nights together, will bring the hearing again as well as ever it was.

26. Take Salt Armoniack, Allome, and ſalt Niter of each a like quantity, with a little filings of Silver, let all be mixt together, then put them into the fire that they may be hot, and when they ſhall ceaſe to ſmoak, then with the ſame pouder aloue, or elſe mixt or moiſtned with the ſpittle of your mouth, let copper or braſs be rubbed therewith, and ſtraightway it will have the cooler of ſilver. Proved.

27. Serpents being within a Circle made of Betony cannot go out of the ſame, but rather will die with beating themſelves.

28. Plantain ſtampt, and the juice wrung out, and put into the hollowneſs of an Ulcer with a ſpowt healeth the ſame. So doth Betony ſtampt and applyed to a Fiſtula, healeth it; the juice of Cinque-foyl, doth heal the Fiſtula likewiſe, if it be put into the ſame with a ſpowt.

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29. To ſeparate Gold from any thing that is Gilded. Take Borace, and temper it in Water, then boyl it over the Fire, and with the ſame water anoint the thing that is Gilded, and caſt thereon a little of the pouder of Quick Brimſtone; after put it into the fire that it might be made Red hot, then quench it in Running Water, and you ſhall find the Gold in the bottom of the Veſſel.

30. For any pains in the Ears, and for them that cannot hear. Take a great Onyon, cut a hole therein, and ſet it in the Embers to Roaſt, then fill it full of Oyl Olive, and ever as it drieth, fill it up again till it be roaſted well, then take away the uppermoſt skin thereof; then ſtrain the Onyon thorow a cloth, and keep it in ſome cloſe Glaſs, and when you will occupie thereof, put ſome of it into the whole Ear, and let him lye on his ſore Ear, when he goes to bed, and if he uſe this nine nights, at the furtheſt, it will help him.

31. For the Fundament that goeth forth. Take the Tops of Red Nettles, and ſtamp them in the Morter, then put it into an Earthen Pot, then put thereto a good portion of white Wine, and ſet it over the fire, and let it ſeeth till half the Liquor be conſumed, and given the party diſeaſed, a good draught thereof, ſomething hot, to drink Morning and Evening, firſt and laſt, for the ſpace of Ten dayes; and alſo apply the Herbs ſomething warm to his Fundament, and it will help him perfectly.

32. For the Eyes that be chafed, and the Lids turned up, Bleared Eyes. Take Arnement, Hony, and the white of Eggs, of each a like much, temper them well together, then take flax and lay the

ſame thereon, then apply the ſame upon the ſore Eyes, and it will draw the evil Blood out of them, and perfectly heal them. This Medicine hath been proved.

33. It is ſaid that a Hart doth ſo abhor a Ram, that he cannot abide the ſight of him. *Ariſtotle, Pliny*, and others.

34. This following is a Secret, and an approv'd thing for the Palſey, whereof if you give thrice in the day to him that hath the Palſey, half an ounce, that is in the morning three hours before Meat, and two hours before Supper, and at his going to Bed, it will help them thereof. Take of the new and freſh brain of an Hare, broyled or fryed one pound, the Juice of a Sage, of herb Ivy, and the Juice of the Root of Acorns, of each three Drams, of pure Cinamon, Cloves, black Pepper, of each half a dram, Turpentine waſht with the water of Herb Ivy, 3 ounces, Sugar diſſolved in the water of Herb Ivy, as much as doth ſuffice; and therefore make a Lectuary according to Art, and know that it is marvellous. *Emperica Benedicti, Victorii Faventini.*

35. To help Sown Legs, Take Mallows, and ſeeth them in Water, then ſtamp them well, and ſtrain them; then put thereto Barrows Greaſe, and fry them together until it be ſomething thick, and like an Oyntment; lay ſome thereof upon a Cloth, and make a Plaiſter, and apply it to the Sore and ſwoln Leg, and lay a new plaiſter thereto twice every day. Morning and Evening, three or four dayes together, and by that time it will be aſſwaged, and as ſmall as the other. This was told me by a Woman that had tried it many times.

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36. One never had the Gout, until he hath known Woman carnally. *Hippoc.*

37. To put a Schedule, or little writing in an Egg. Lay an Egg certain dayes in strong Vinegar until it be soft; and writ your Name or what you list in a piece of paper and fold the paper as hard together as you can; then, with a Rayfor, cut the same Egg in the top finely and advisedly, thorow the which put the little paper into the Egg circumspectly, and then put the Egg into cold water, and immediatly the shell will be hard as it was before. A proper secret.

38. The quiet Beasts have the lesser Galls; the fearfuller the greater Hearts: the lighter, the more pleasant; the greater spleen, and the greater Voice, the more Lights; much like to these Verses following.

Cor ardet, Pulmo loquitur, Fel commovet Iras;
Splen ridere facit, cogit amare Jecur.

That is,

The Heart doth burn, the Lungs do speak,
The Gall to Ire doth move;
The Spleen or Milt doth make us Laugh,
The Liver makes us Love. *Mizaldus.*

39. *Cauda Draconis*, in the second house called the House of Substance, signifies the Child then born; shall wastful consume and spend his goods; or signifies the loss thereof, and that he shall come to poverty and open misery. *Haly Abenragel.*

40. Egrimony is of wonderful, profit in Medicines, especially against hollow Wounds and Ulcers, *Petrus Hispanus* and *Tortula* saith, that though the Fistula that Penetrates to the Eyes, is

Incurable; Yet ſome do witneſs that ſuch a Fiſtula may be cured by Egrimony alone, by often uſing it, either in drink or Pouder. *Filipendula* is good for the ſame, and the Grains or little round things, that are found in the end of the Root. *Gordonius* alledgeth Egrimony to be the beſt and ſureſt Medicine for the curing of a Fiſtula.

41. For the Web or Spot in the Eye. Take the great bone of the Gooſe-wing, the Elder the better, for though it be a year old, it is not the worſe, break it, and take out the marrow that is within it, then put ſome of it upon the Web, or Spot; and it will break it and ſave the Sight. Proved.

42. The Virtues of Tormentil. This Herb comforteth the Sight, and cleanſeth the body of divers Maladies, the Pouder thereof is good to clarifie the ſight of the eyes though one be blind: And this Herb is dreſt on this manner. Take the Herb with the Root, and ſeeth it with white Wine, till the third part be ſodden away, and give him that is blind, to drink of this Liquor nine days in the morning cold, and at night blood-warm, and within that time he will recover his ſight (by Gods Grace;) but if the ſight of the Eye be hurt, take alſo the Herb and ſtamp it, and ſeeth it in white Wine, with a little water put into the Wine, then lay or ſpread the Herbs on a linnen Cloth, and bind it upon his Eye or Eyes, and it brings a wonderful help, if thou ſtamp this Herb with the Root, a good quantity, and put it into a little Veſſel full of Wine, and let it remain therein three months. Whoſoever drinks often of this Wine, though he hath been

been blind nine years, he will recover his ſight again. This I had out of an old written Book, which doth much agree with *Petrus Hiſpanus*, in this caſe, whoſe mind thereof I have mentioned in another place of this Book.

43. If the part of Fortune, be Cadent from the Aſcendent, and doth not behold there the Light or Luminary of the time, and his Lord be weak and infortunate, and removed from an Angle, not beholding the part of Fortune, and the Lord of the houſe of Subſtance be evil affected of evil Planets, or of the beams of the Sun, which deſtroys and ſcatters, it ſignifies that he or ſhe that is then born, ſhall be poor, a wretch, and that he will not be able to get his own Living; and that he is like to live of Alms. *Haly Abenragel.*

44. This following is a Secret and approved Medicine for them that are ſhort breathed, very good for the Poor, becauſe it is not coſtly. Take of the Roots of Holliock dried in the ſhadow one pound, made in fine powder, clarified Hony four pound, ſeeth them over a fire, and ſtir them together, until it be in the form of a Lectuary, whereof let the Patient take often, and he will be whole. *Emperica Benedicti Victorii Favent.*

45. A perfect and moſt ſure and proved Remedy and a rare Secret for helping of Womens Breaſts that be ſwoln, and full of pain, which was revealed unto me by an old Woman, who ſaid that the Lady *Owen*, Doctor *Owen*'s Wife, uſed it to Women in this caſe very much, who kept it as a Secret. The Medicine followeth. Stampt or bruiſe Nine little Worms, of ſome call'd Swine lice (which com-

commonly will be found between the Bark and the Wood of old or dry Trees, which have many Feet and being touched, they become as round as a Button) in eight or nine ſpoonfuls of Drink, let them remain therein all Night, and the eight Morning ſtrain the ſame Drink, and let the diſeaſed Woman drink the ſame a little warmed, at one draught, and then let her lay to her Breſt, a two or threefold linnen Cloth warmed, the next Morning, let her take eight of the ſame little Worms in drink, in ſuch order as before, and the third Morning ſeven, and the fourth morning ſix, and ſo every Morning following one leſs, decreaſing one every morning, until nine mornings be ended, on which Ninth morning ſhe muſt take but one of them, as it will fall out by the decreaſing one every day, and if ſhe be not then thorowly whole of her Breſt, let her increaſe every morning one immediatly following, until ſhe hath received Nine at one time, according to the order before appointed. A rare and notable thing, if it be true; For I never proved it.

46. For the ſwelling of Arms, Legs or Feet, Take Linſeed, Wheat Bran, Brooklime, Chickenweed, Groundſel, of each one handful, and one Pottle of white Wine: Seeth them all together, till it be thick, and lay a Plaiſter thereof to the place that is ſwoln, as hot as the party can ſuffer the ſame; and it will take it away and help him with three or four Plaiſters. Proved.

47. To help a ſtinking Breath that comes from the Stomach: Take two handfuls of Cumminſeed, and beat it to Pouder, then ſeeth it in a Pottle of white

White Wine, until a Quart thereof be waſted away, then give the Party a good draught thereof, firſt and laſt, as hot as he may ſuffer it, and it will make him have a ſweet Breath within fifteen dayes. This is Proved.

48. Put the Feet of Hens in hot Embers, till ſcales or skin thereof be ſeparated and ſhrunk from the Legs, and with the ſame skin warm, rub Warts three or four times or more, and it will drive them away. *Pet. Hiſpanus.*

49. If you will do away or conſume a Wen do as followeth: Bind faſt the Wen, then take Verdigreaſe, Brimſtone, Sope, Oyl of Eggs, Allom, and Honey, of each alike much, and temper them together, and lay it thereto, and it will do away the Wen, and heal it.

50. A ſingular Oyl, and very Rare, which cauſeth a comely Face, and maketh the Perſon merry which uſeth it, yea, ſtrong and hardie to fight; the making whereof doth follow. Take one pound or two of Hemſeed, which after the finely beating thereof, ſprinkle and wet it with a little Wine, then put all the ſame into a new Earthen Pan glaſed, & ſet it over the fire, heat it ſo long until you cannot ſuffer your hand in it, after put the ſame ſubſtance hot into ſquare Bags, which wring hard out in a Preſs, and an Oyl will come forth very profitable; whereof if any drinketh to the quantity of an ounce at a time, it maketh him pleaſant and merry, and if a Souldier drink it, it will make him both fierce and hardy to fight, without any fear or doubt of his Enemy. And alſo it is profitable to women, in that it maketh them marry, and comely

ſee to, and in this manner you may draw out all Oyl out of all Seeds. This is in the New Jewel of Health.

51. A notable and often proved Medicine for a Sciatica, Ach, Gout, or other pain of grief. Take a pint of pure *Aqua Compoſita*, one beaſts Gall, and one ounce of Pepper beaten into pouder, boyl them all together, until half the *Aqua Vitæ* be conſumed; then lay ſome thereof in a Cloth like a plaiſter, and apply it ſomething hot to the grieved place, and let it lye twelve houts unremoved, and ſo do thus four or five times, if need be; for it is a ſure help.

52. A precious Water for Eyes that be fair and clear, and yet are blind. Take Smallage, Red Fennel, Rhew, Vervin, Betony, Egrimony, five-leaved graſs, Pimpernel, Eye bright, Sage, Celendine, of each one quarter of a Pound, waſh them clean, and ſtamp them in a fair brazen Morter or in a Pan, then take the pouder of fifteen Pepper Corns finely ſearced, and a pint of good White Wine, and do them to the Herbs, and alſo take three ſpoonfuls of Life Hony, and fifteen ſpoonfuls of the Urine of a Boy that is an Innocent, and mix them all together, and boyl them over the fire a little while, and ſtrain all through a Cloth, and keep it in a Glaſs well ſtopt, until you occupy it; and with a Feather do it into the ſore Eye, and if it dry away, temper it with White Wine again. This is a Medicine for all manner of Evils of ſore Eyes to make a man ſee, if ever he ſhall ſee, within fifteen days, on warrantiſe, by the Grace of God. This I took out of an ancient written Book.

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53. If you rub Warts with Egrimony, ſtamp't and mixt with Vinegar, and alſo plaiſtered upon them, it taketh them away, clean. And alſo if Purſlain be rubbed upon them, it pulleth them up by the roots, *Pet. Hiſp.*

54. For the Cods that are ſwoln. Take the pouder of Cumminſeed, Barley, Meal, and Honey, of each alike much, fry them together with a little Sheep-ſuet, and bind the ſame as a plaiſter all about the Cods, and it will help.

55. This following will break any Byles, botches, or any Fellons. Lay firſt thereto ſome Poſſet Curd, and let it not be removed in twelve hours, and that will gather the matter together, and make it tender; but if once applying of the Poſſet-Curd do it not, then apply thereof to it twice, or thrice; then take unquenched Lime, and caſt upon it ſome fair Spring Water, and mix the ſame with black Sope, and lay to the ſore a piece thereof according to the greatneſs that you would have the hole of the Sore to be; and when that is broke then waſh it in White Wine a little heated, and ſo heal it with ſweet Butter and Pouder of Sugar mixed together. This is a ſure and approv'd thing. *Mizaldus.*

56. A noble ſecret for all incurable Aches, and pains in the Joynts where ever they be. Take all the whole Horn that a Buck caſts off, the latter the better, caſt away the ſcaupe, take nothing but the horn, cut the ſame in ſhivers or pieces, then ſeeth the ſame in a Gallon of fair Water, until all be come to a pint, or ſomthing more; then caſt away the pieces of the Horn, and then let that in the

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Veſſel ſtand ſtill until it be cold, which then will be like a Jelly; and when you will occupie thereof, warm ſome of it in a ſaucer, or ſome other convenient thing, and then anoint the grieved place therewith by the fire, morning and evening, and let it drink in, by the heat of the fire, and it will heal it thorowly for ever (God willing) within nine or ten dreſſings. This is very true and well proved, which friend of mine told me that helpt himſelf of ſuch an Ache therewith, that neither counſel of Phyſitians, practice of Surgeons, nor yet the long uſing of the Baths could ceaſe, whereby he ſpent much money in vain, until a wench by chance told him this excellent remedy: Which as ſhe ſaid, a Notable man of this Realm did learn beyond the Seas who, hath revealed it ſince to the great commodity and help of many.

57. For ſwoln and ſore Throats, a rare and ſure remedy. Rub your hand on the bare Earth or ground, and then rub therewith the ſore or ſwoln Throat, if preſently you do thus three ſeveral times the ſwelling and pain will marvellouſly go away. This was taught me by a friend of mine, that did know it to be true.

58. An excellent remedy for a great heat and pricking in the eyes. Fill an Egg-ſhel newly emptied with the Juice of Singreen, and ſet it in hot embers, and ſcum off the green baggage from it, and then it will be a Water; then ſtrain it, and put ſome of it into the hot eyes four or five nights together, and it will ceaſe the burning and prickling thereof quickly.

59. He will ſcantly, or never dye an evil death, that

that hath a good Planet in his eight house. *Haly Abenragel.*

60. A wonderful Drink against bruisings, and it helpeth such marvellously, that are bruised through falling. Take Egrimony, Betony, Sage, Plantane, Ivy leaves, Roseparsly, stamp them together, and mix Wine thereto; give the patient often to drink till he be whole. A true Medicine. I think that *Petrus Hispanus*, hath the same.

61. If you burn four ounces of Turpentine upon a hot or burning plate of Iron, until it may be made in pouder, and then mix two drams thereof, with four ounces of the Water of Sacrifage, and give it twice in a week early in a morning, to them that have the stone in their Bladder; and so continue it two months, he shall not only be preserved from breeding of the stone in th Bladder; but also it will burst and drive forth the Stone Bred there already. This is proved, and a secret, and is to be kept well in mind. *Emperita Benedicti Victorii Faventini.*

62. If Lavender be well sod in water, and strained, and half a pint thereof drunk daily first and last, for the space of a fortnight, it will heal them that have the Palsey. This was found in an old written Book.

63. An excellent and speedy remedy for many Diseases, and chiefly for the stomach. Mix two spoonfuls of Sallet Oyl with two spoonfuls of pure *Aqua Vitæ*, and drink all the same in the morning at one time, do so six or seven mornings together, It is a notable and often proved thing.

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Take a pint of good *Aqua Compoſita*, and put a good handful of Ivy leaves therein, and keep the Veſſel well ſtopt, and the Ivy leaves will conſume therein, uſe to drink of the ſame three or four ſpoonfuls at one time, morning and evening, firſt and laſt, five or ſix dayes together, and you ſhall ſee a marvellous help thereof.

95. This following is a proved Medicine for the Ach in the Hucle bone called the *Sciatica*. Take a pound of good black ſope, one pint of good *Aqua Vitæ*, half a pint of Sallet Oyl, and a quarter of a pint of the juice of Rew; ſeeth them and ſtir them all together over an eaſie fire, until it be ſomething thick, and then it may be made into a plaiſter, and then ſpread ſome thereof upon a piece of Leather, and apply it to the Ach or pained place, and let it lye thereon unremoved three dayes and nights, and if the pain be not then gone, then apply ſuch another plaiſter thereto, and remove it not off ſo long, and it will help it certainly. This was told by one that knew it often proved, *Mizaldus* confirms the ſame.

67. The pouder of white hard Sugar, put into a bloodſhotten Eye, or that is ſomething Dim of Sight, it helps the ſame, and amends the ſight very well, Eſpecially, if you put afterward a little Roſe-water into the Eye. This I have proved oftentimes to be true: Yea, and I think if it were uſed, it would conſume the web of the Eye at length.

68. Black Sheeps wool, mixt and chafed by the fire, with freſh Butter, and the deaf Ear ſtopt therewith at night, and thus uſed Nine or Ten nights together, it helpeth deafneſs perfectly and ſpeedily

ſpeedily. A proved thing, ſaith *Mizaldus.*

69. Here followeth a notable and excellent *Aqua vitæ.* Take Galengale, *Cucubarum,* Ginger, Nutmegs, Cloves, Cinimon, of every one an ounce, freſh Sage, four ounces, Water that is diſtilled ſix times out of pure and good Wine, Ten ounces; put them all together, and let them remain ſo in a cloſe clean veſſel three days, then diſtil the ſame, and keep that that is diſtilled in a clean and cloſe Veſſel. Whoſoever drinks a Nut-ſhel full of this Water every day, it will preſerve their bodies Marvellouſly, and keep them from many Diſeaſes, and bring them to old age. It is that M. *Gallus,* Phiſician to *Charles* the Emperor, uſed this Water, and lived a hundred and twenty four years. *George a Lapide* deviſed this Water.

70. If you deſire to have ſweet Water forthwith, or by and by, put two or three drops of Oyl of Spike, in a good deal of pure water, and chaſe it together in a Glaſs with a narrow mouth. *Euronimus.*

71. An excellent Oyl for cold Aches. Take the wood of Ivy dryed, cut the wood in little pieces, and of the Berries and Gum of Ivy, of each alike weight, let them be put in an earthen veſſel, bored thorow in the bottom in two or three places; and then let another pot be ſet under it in the earth, and joyn the bottom of the upper pot unto the mouth of the Nether with clay or paſte, and the upper pot muſt ſtand wholly above the ground: then make a fire on every ſide, and the Oyl will diſtill black into the Nether Veſſel. This Oyl, before all Oyles ceaſeth the griefs of the joynts of a cold cauſe

cauſe. This is proved to be a notable Oyl in this caſe. *Rogerius* ſeems to be the Author hereof, as appears in *Evonimus*.

72. If you put out the white of a Hens Egg, and fill up the ſame Egg with the Juice of Flowerdeluce and mix the yolke and it well together, then warming it a little in the hot Aſhes, and ſo give it in the morning to them that have the Dropſie, it will avoid downward the Dropſie Water above meaſure. This is proved to be truth. Much like unto this, *Benedictus Victorius*. *Faventius* writes this for the ſame cauſe, but he appoints the Juice to be given with *Mellirate*.

73. A proper practiſe to make a Capon to bring up young Chickens. Take a Capon, and pull his belly bare of Feathers; and after rub the naked place with Nettles, then ſetting young Chickens under him, he will marvellouſly cheriſh them then, and bring them kindly up. And the rather if you uſe him thus for a time, for by that means, he is moved the more willing to cheriſh, bring up; and feed yea, and to love them, as the Hen would do, naturally. And the reaſon thereof is, for that by pricking of the Nettles, he is the rather deſirous to couch on the ſoft down and Feathers of the young Chickens, ſitting under him. This I had out of the Natural and Artificial concluſions of the Scholars of *Padua*, Tranſlated into Engliſh by *Thomas Hill*.

74. In *Lamberge*, a Town of *Sceleſia*, as *Johannes Langius* writes, a certain Woman great with Child, did follow a Prieſt that had newly waſhed or bathed his feet; who being taken with

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such a longing or luſt with the ſudden ſight of his bare Feet, that ſhe privily behind his back, did hold his Leg with her hands, and out of the ſame pluck'd a piece of Fleſh with her Teeth; nothing regarding the Cry of the poor Prrieſt, which cried to God and man.

75. If the Foot or Legs of an Ox, Cow, or Horſe, be ſwoln by chance, mark the ground where the ſame ſwoln Leg or Foot doth ſtand, and take or grave up with a knife or Dagger, a Turfe or Piece of Earth in the ſame place where the ſame Foot did ſtand, and hang the ſame Turfe or piece of Earth upon the Bough of a white Thorn, or ſome other Tree (if it be fair or dry weather) if not, then hang it in ſome Chimney where fire is made, and after as the Turfe or Earth doth dry, ſo will the ſwelling ceaſe, and the pain go away. This I have prov'd to be true divers times; And it is practiſed of many, eſpecially for Oxen or Kine. But the ſudden ſwelling and grief of my Horſe Leg hath been helpt therewith, within two or three dayes, and by no other means. Who liſt to prove it, ſhall find it true, although it be far unlikely.

76. The Water wherein Lavender is ſod, doth quite put away any ſpot or ſtaining in any Cloth, Cap or Hat, if the ſtained place or ſpotted be waſhed or rubbed therewith. It is very true, prove it who liſt.

77. To make any Fowl, of what condition the ſame be, to have the Feathers all White. Take the Eggs of what Bird or Fowl you will, role them in the Juice of the Herb called Mouſear, or in the Juice of Houſleek or otherwiſe in Oyl (after the

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mind of *Cardanus*) and after put the Eggs again in the neſt, for after the hatching, the feathers will grow white. This is taken out of the Natural and Artificial concluſions of the Schollars of *Padua*, Engliſhed by *Thomas Hill*.

79. This Confection following is a moſt excellent Medicine and remedy for many inward effects; eſpecially for all Fluxes of blood from whenſoever they flow, and alſo other fluxes: Moreover for them that have great pains in their backs, and alſo pains in their Liver, or whoſe Liver is not altogether well; And *Galen* the Author hereof ſaith (belike for the excellency thereof) Give not this before thou haſt received a reward therefore; the making whereof doth follow: Take of Cinamon, *Caſſia lignea*, *Opium*, of each two drams, Myrrh, both Peppers, Galbanum, of each one dram, let them be ſtamped, and then mixed with a little clarified Honey, and made in a little lump or maſſe, give thereof at night two round Pills ſomething bigger then Peaſon, in the ſoft of a roaſted Apple, and let not the party drink in two hours after, and if his grief and pains be never ſo great, he will be in marvellous eaſe and quietneſs within an hour or two after, and ſo remain the moſt part of all the night, yea and perhaps ſleep ſoundly and well. You may give it two or three nights together, if the party be ſtrong, but if he be very weak give it every other night, three or four times; and if the party be in extream pain, then give it when you liſt. But if the ſtomach be full of meat or flegme, it will ſhew the leſs effect. Whoever ſhall prove it, will find it a worthy thing. I have proved it a hundred times.

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80. A fine way to make Coral by Art, which followeth. Make the Horns of Goats (first ſhaven or ſcaped) into pouder, and let the ſame ſteep in ſtrong Lee made of the Aſhes of the wood of an Aſh, fifteen daves together; afterward take it out of the ſaid Lee, and mix it with *Cinabrium* diſſolved in Water, and hang it over an eaſie fire, until it be thick, and if it have then the Colour of right Coral, make it in the form or faſhion you think good, dry it and poliſh it according to Art. This doth *Mizaldus* deſcribe.

81. The Juice gotten out of a Red Onyon, and three or four drops thereof put in to the deaf Ear cold, three or four nights when the Party goes to bed, helpeth the Deafneſs, be it never ſo great or antient. Fear not, though it put you to much pain at the firſt time, for at the ſecond time it will be more eaſie. This was taught me by one that knew it by proof.

82. To make a Woman that hath a dead Child within her, immediately to be delivered thereof: Take the quantity of an Almond of a Bulls Gall, mix it with two ſpoonfuls of Wine and let her drink it: and ſhe ſhall avoid it ſtraight. *Jacobus Weckerus.*

83. Divide an Apple in the midſt, and in the one half of the Apple in the midſt of it make a round hole, by cutting a piece out of it, then into the ſame hole put a black Beetle, and ſo lay the flat ſide on the Table: and the Apple will move, by the means of the Beetle, to the marvel of them that behold it.

84. Take an Apple of *Coloquintida*, and lay the

ſame to ſteep in water a whole night; and after boyl Wormwood in the Water; which water being caſt about the Chamber, killeth all the Fleas therein. Alſo anoint a Staff with the Greaſe of a Hedg-Hog, and lay the ſame in the midſt of the Chamber, and all the Fleas there will come and cleave to that Staff.

85. If Roſes and Lillies be ſown nigh together, or that they touch one another, the Flowers of them will ſmell the more pleaſantly, and will grow the better. *Mizaldus.*

86. One *Apſius* got much Mony with this moſt excellent Oyl following, and was marvellouſly eſteemed therefore; after whoſe death the King of *Spain* did give unto his wife 500 Crowns, for the uttering and diſcloſing the making thereof, as is manifeſt in a Book made of the ſame at large by one *George Baker*, in the Engliſh Tongue: which hath manifeſtly ſhewed his honeſt heart, and Natural love to his Country. The ſame *Apſius* in his Life time and his Wife after his death, did help all Wounds & Ulcers, Aches, pains of the Back, and Emrods therewith, and it is marvellous good for the Gout; the making of the Oyl is thus, Take of the moſt pure and oldeſt white Wine one quart, of the oldeſt Oyl Olive three pounds, *Cardus Benedictus* (called the Bleſſed Thiſtle) Valerain, and the leſſer Sage, with the Flowers if you can get them, of each a quarter of a pound, of the leaves and flowers of St. *Johns* Wort, half a pound, let Herbs & Flowers be infuſed or ſteeped in the ſaid Wine or Oyl twenty four hours, then the next day let all be put into an earthen Veſſel leaded, or a

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Veſſel of Braſs upon an eaſie fire, until the Wine be conſum'd, moving it ſtill, being over the fire; then being taken from the fire and ſtrained, put thereto of Venice Turpentine, a pound and a half, then let all boyl together a quarter of an hour, then put thereto *Olibanum* five ounces, Mirrh three ounces, *Sanguis Dragonis* one ounce, and let all boyl until the Mirrh be diſſolved, then put it into a Veſſel of Glaſs ſtopped, and let it ſtand in the hot Sun ten dayes, before you uſe this Oyl you muſt waſh the Sores or Wounds with white Wine, wherein muſt be the pouder of *Olibanum*. I have writen this here, becauſe I think thereby many ſhall have knowledge of this precious Oyl, which otherwiſe ſhould never have heard of it.

87. A ſweet Water and unknown, whereof one part mixt with ten quarts of pure Water, maketh the whole moſt ſweet. Take Nutmegs, Cloves Galingale, Spikenard, grains of Paradiſe, Mace, Cinamon; of every one an ounce, pound or ſtamp them all, add thereto twenty grains of Musk or leſs, as you delight in the ſmell thereof, pour into them a pound and a half of Roſe Water; then let them ſo remain together in a cloſs Veſſel, four or five dayes, then put thereto thrice as much Roſe Water, and diſtill all the ſame in a Pot or Kettle full of Water, ſeething it in *Balneo Mariæ*, and diſtilled Water in a Glaſs well ſtopt, to the uſe before ſaid, *Euvonimus*.

88. If an Egg be pinted with ſundry Colours, and the ſame be ſet under a Hen which ſits to bring forth Chickens, ſhe will Hatch thereof a Chicken, having the like Feather unto the Colours paint-

ed on the Egg. *Thomas Hill* out of the Natural, and Artificial Concluſions of the Schollers of *Padua* affirms this.

89. If one make a little Rope of the Guts of a Wolf, and then bury the ſame under the Sand, or Earth, there will neither Horſe nor Sheep go that way, though you beat them with a ſtaff. *Albertus.*

90. It is ſaid that a Hare doth live ten years, the age of a Cat is ſo much, a Goat doth live eight years, an Aſs thirty years, a Stag or Buck, a thouſand years, a Sheep ten years, but the Belweather many times doth live fifteen years, a Dog fourteen, but ſometimes twenty, a Bull fifteen, but an Ox, becauſe he lacks his ſtones doth live 20, a Swine and a Peacock twenty five, a Horſe twenty, and oftentimes thirty, there have been Horſes that have lived fifty years; Pigeons live naturally eight years, a Turtle, and a Partridg twenty five years, and alſo a Ringdove, which ſometimes lives fourty years, a Blackbird and a Crow three hundred years. *Mizaldus.*

91. The body of a Birch Tree, cut or ſcored, the Spring time going before, doth yeild great plenty of Water, which Water being Drunk, hath a marvellous ſtrength to break the ſtone in the Reins. *Matheolus* upon *Dioſcorides* writes it.

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THere is an evident familiarity between the Olive Tree, and the Mirt Tree, for as *Andronicus* reports, the Branches of the Mirt Tree do pleasantly extend or spread by the Olive Tree, and the Roots of them do mutually imbrace each other, nor any other Plant but Mirt Tree, will grow well nigh the Olive Tree. This also *Mizaldus* doth affirm. Proved.

2. The smell of *Bitumen* Raw, or the Smoak thereof burning, received by the Nose of such as are grievously tormented with the pains of the Mother, is a present help or Remedy. It is most certainly proved. Wherefore many Women which are grieved with that disease, do hang it about their Necks in Wooll, that they may drive away their Fits by the often smelling thereof. *Mizaldus* writes this. And the learned Doctor *Monardus*, affirms the like thereof.

3. The Sparrow-Hawk is a fierce enemy to all Pigeons, but they are defended of the Castrel, whose sight and voice the Sparrow-Hawk doth fear, which the Pigeons or Doves know well enough; for where the Castrel is, from thence will not the Pigeons go (if the Sparrow-Hawk be nigh) through the great trust she hath in the Castrel her Defender. *Johannes Baptista Porta* hath written this.

4. The Leaves of a Willow Tree, as also the Bark thereof sod in Wine, doth help them that have the Gout, if they be Fomented or Bathed therewith.

5. Three half penny weight of the Pouder of an Adamant Stone drunk with the Juice of Fennel draws the Water from them that have the Dropsie. And the same Stone put to the Head, takes away quite all the pains thereof. *Jacobus Hollerius* an excellent Physician affirms it.

6. It is a manifest thing, and proved by daily experience, that the Bodies of them that be Murdered when they be found, if any of their kindred be then present, or the Party or Parties that killed or murthered them, or was the cause thereof, immediatly blood will burst forth suddenly, either of the wound, or Nose, or out of some other part of the Body. I would alledge here a great sort of examples for the verifying thereof, but I omit them, for it is a thing found true by daily experience, besides that, *Ducretius*, *Phillip Malancton*, *Johannes Lagnius*, & *Levinus Lemnius* write thereof.

7. Pieces of Amber being put or tied to the hinder part of the Head, do help the running or watrines of the Eyes, with a marvellous success; and hanged about the Neck do hinder Distillations, that they go not down by the Throat. *Mizaldus*. Besides that it is proved to be true.

8. A certain Woman went with a dead Child in her womb above four years, which by the counsel of Learned Physicians and expert Surgeons, was drawn from her by Piece-meal, and the Mother did not only live, but also conceived another Child, as

as *Mathew Cornace*, a Noble and Learned Phyſician hath affirmed, who was preſent when the ſaid woman was cut for the getting out of the ſaid dead Child. *Mizaldus* reports this.

9. If Eeles be ſuffocated in Wine, whoſoever ſhall drink of that Wine, though they have been very much given to Wine before, & could ſcantly abſtain from the ſame; they will loath Wine, and not be deſirous to drink Wine hereafter. The green Frogs which uſe to leap about Springs, if they be ſuffocated in Wine, work the like effect. *Mizald.*

10. *Mus Araneus*, called a Shrew, I take it to be the blind Mouſe doth chance to go over any part of any Beaſt, that part of the Beaſt will after be Lame. This I know to be true.

11. Whoſoever would have a very white and delicate skin, let them boyl or heat Literge of Silver in Vinegar diſtilled, and waſh therewith their skin which they deſire to have Fair, Trim, and White. This I took out of *Mizald.*

12. In the time *Trajan* the Emperor, a certain man having a Diſeaſe called the Diſſury, did Piſs with much ado a knotted Barly ſtraw. *Anthonius Mizaldus* hath written this: And I knew a Gentleman, that after his death, being opened, had a Pigeons Feather ſticking in his Heart, which Feather was ſhewed me by the Surgeons that did cut and open him.

13. Oates ſodden, and the hot fume thereof cloſe received, on any lame Members, either Arms, Legs, or any other, and the ſaid Members put and holden a good while in the ſame ſodden oats, when they may be ſuffered therein, and the ſame order

uſed four or five times if need be, doth help them perfectly that be Lame. This was told me for a very Truth by them that knew it, and ſaw it tried. *Mizaldus.*

14. The Tooth of a man hanged by the Neck of the party that is tormented with the Tooth Ach, doth take away the pain thereof, eſpecial if a Bean be put thereto, wherein there is a hole bored, and a Lowſe put therein, and the ſame Bean wrapt in a piece of Silk, and then hanged about the parties Neck, as is aforeſaid.

15. The whiteſt Frankinſence made in a very fine Pouder, and drunk with Wine, if it be in Cold weather (or in Winter) or in water wherein Raiſins are ſod, if it be hot weather (or in Summer) in the increaſing of the Moon, or the riſing of the Sun, at Noon, and at the ſetting of the Sun, doth marvellouſly help and increaſe the Memory, and is very profitable for the Brain and ſtomach, *Raſis* the Author thereof, by the Report of *Mizaldus.*

16. Any part or piece of the Bone of a mans Arm, with the higheſt part or end of a Gooſe Wing, being carried or born of them that have the Quartan Ague, doth cure the ſame. *Mizaldus* fathers this on *Geber.*

17. If one that hath the Dropſie, or Jaundiſe, ſhall drink their Urine for certain dayes together, it will help marvellouſly. This *Hermes* ſaith. But *Benedictus Victorius Faventius* in his Practiſes affirms for Truth, and ſaith, it is certainly proved, that five ounces of the Urine of a Boy not polluted, and of a Sanguine Complexion, mixt

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with half an ounce of good white Sugar, being drunk every morning early fasting, for the space of ten dayes, doth help certainly the Jaundise, and also much drunk at once, a Month together in such order, doth help the Dropsie perfectly.

18. Steep a thread in Oyl of Brimstone mixt together, and compass a Glass with that thread in that place where you would have it broken even, or parted, and after kindle the same thread with fire, and do thus so often until the place of the Glass be hot, and after compass the same with a thred wet in cold Water, and it will part so clear a sunder, as though it had been cut with a sharp pointed Diamond.

19. If they that be swoln and are full of the Dropsie do lie three days, and nights in their beds well covered round about in sodden barly, it helps and cures them perfectly. This was proved by them that came very much swoln from *Guinny*, and one of them that was helpt therewith, revealed it unto me, which I am content to publish to the common commodity of many.

20. A Water that will heal certainly the Fistulaes. Take two pound of Water that is distilled out of good White Wine, as you still *Aqua Vitæ*, put thereto of the Water of Sage, and the Water of Rosemary, of either five pound, distill them together, and when they are distilled, put to the Water distilled, one ounce of Sage, and as much of Rosemary, and when they are steept together eight dayes, strain it and use it in the curing of Fistulaes, *Euvonimus*. In which Book are many excellent things.

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22. If you lay the Wick of a Candle to infuſe or ſteep in the Oyl of Hempſeed, and after make a Tallow Candle thereof, which you do light, after it be cold, the ſame candle will not go out with any wind, ſo long as the whole Candle laſteth; And in like ſort many lights be made to ſerve in the night time, if that fine linnen raggs be firſt ſoaked in the Oyl of Hempſeed, and dipped into molten Tallow, being ſo bound or wrought on a Staffs end or otherwiſe, lying in an Iron plate at the end of a ſtaff. This is taken out of the Natural and Artificial Concluſions of the moſt eminent Schollars of *Padan*.

23. The young Swallows of the firſt brood that a Swallow hath, being cut and opened before the full of the Moon, two ſtones will be found in their Maws, whereof one is of one colour, the other of divers colours; if theſe ſtones (ſo that it be before it touch any ground) be wraped or incloſed in a Harts skin, and be tyed to the Arm, or about the neck of them that have the Falling ſickneſs it doth heal them of the ſaid diſeaſe. *Mizald* Writes this by the report of an *Italian*, which affirmed to him that it was true.

24. Whoſoever ſhall, eſpecially the firſt Friday in May, and every other Friday in May, before the riſing of the Sun,) grave up two Turfs of new grown graſs with the dew on the ſame; and then doth tie the graſs ſides of them together, and ſhall then lay the ſame in the water in the ſide of a Pond, or in ſome other Water, ſo that the vehemency of the Water doth not remove the ſaid Turfs from the place where they be laid, and ſo letting them

them lye there unremoved nine or ten dayes, if at the ten dayes end, he ſhall take up the ſaid turfs, and untie or looſe the ſame he ſhall find a great ſort of young Eeles within the ſame, although there be not one Eele in the ſame water, at the laying there of the ſaid turfes; And then if he tye the ſaid turfs with the young Eeles together again, and then lay them again in the ſame water, a great increaſe of Eeles will after come thereof. This was credibly told me for a very truth, of one that did try the ſame. I think they breed of the ſame Dew, *Mizaldus.*

24. The Vine tree doth not agree with the Bay tree, for with his odour or ſmell he is the worſe, wherefore when the branches of the Vine draws neer to the Bay tree, he will draw backward, flying the ſmell of his enemy. Even ſo the Bur his enemy, or doth not agree with Lentiles.

25. If you will colour or paint the briſtles of a Swine with divers colours when they be well waſht, and ſod in Allome Water let them be put whiles they be warm, in water coloured with Saffron, if you will have them yellow, or in the Juice of Eldern, or Walwort Berries, if you will have them of a blew colour; or in water mixt with *Flos æriis* or Verdegreaſe, if you will have them of a green colour, and ſo of other colours. You may prove them with the feathers of birds.

26. The pouder of Earth-worms, of Mice dung or of a Harts tooth, put into the holes of Teeth that be Worm-eaten, doth pluck them up by the Roots, or make them fall out without any other Inſtrument.

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27. If the ſtone that is found in the head of a long Snail be made be in fine pouder, and blown in the eye, it puts quite away all ſpots thereof, and it deſtroys the web in the Eye, and any other evil in the ſame. *Mizald.*

28. In the Winter time, a ſpoonful of *Aqua Vitæ* ſweetned with good Sugar, with a little piece of the pureſt white bread put into it, leſt it ſhould trouble the brain, or do ſome harm to the Liver, is healthfully given to groſs and flegmatick bodies, that it may concoct the humours, and defend their bodies from the Lethergy, which is a forgetfulneſs, and a loſing almoſt of the Sences, and from the Apoplexy, which is a ceaſing as well of the inward Sences, as of the outward, as from old Diſeaſes. *Lemnius.*

29. To make a Candle burn under the Water. Take Wax, Brimſtone and Vinegar, of each a like quantity, boyl all theſe together over the fire, until the Vinegar appear all conſumed, and then of that that remains, make a Candle, and you ſhall ſee the proper effects as above written. This is taken out of the Natural and Artificial Concluſions of the Schollars of *Padua*. Tranſlated by *Thomas Hill.*

30. Take a Ring this is hollow round about, into which put Quick-ſilver, and ſtop the ſame faſt, that it run not forth, after heat the Ring ſomewhat in the fire, which being hot, lay it on a table or ſtool, and ſoon after it will leap or dance of it ſelf until it be cold.

31. Quench hot Iron in the juice of Hemlock, three or four times, letting it remain therein every

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time till it be cold, and the Iron will be ſoft. Alſo *Carnane* writeth, that if you take Oyle, putting it into molten lead, ſeven times together, and after quench Iron red hot in that Oyle four or five times together, it will make it ſoft. A proved thing ſaith *Mizaldus*.

32. A certain Woman with Child ſeeing a Bakers ſhoulder naked or bare while he did put bread into the Oven, did long or deſire ſo much to eat of the ſaid Bakers ſhoulder, that ſhe abhorred or loathed all other meat, Her Husband having pitty of his loving Wife, did agree to give the Baker certain money for every bit that his Wife would bite of his ſhoulder, and the ſame Baker ſuffered the ſaid Woman to have two bites of his ſhoulder, but when ſhe began to bite a third time, he was ſo griev'd with pain, that he would ſuffer her no more to bite at his ſhoulder, mediately after the Woman travailed, and brought forth three Children, two of them alive, and the third dead. *Johannes Langius* is the Author hereof by *Mizaldus* his Report.

33. A notable diſtilled Water as followeth, worthy to be compared to gold. Take one part of Centian, and two parts of Century, ſtamp them together, and put Wine to them, and let them ſoke together five days, then diſtil them, keep the water diſtilled in a cloſe clean Veſſel; this water drunk morning and evening, preſerveth the body from all kind of diſeaſes, it putteth away all Impoſthumes, it maketh good colour, it reſiſteth the Plague, it healeth the ſick of Ptiſſick, it avoideth the ſtuffed ſtomach, it breaketh the ſtones in the Reins, it ſeparateth

perateth and putteth away the Watry humours of the Spleen, it helpeth the forward Flowers, if it be drunk nine dayes together in the morning, and purgeth the belly; alſo it purgeth all choller, and corrupt blood, it healeth all wounds within the belly, it cleareth the ſight, it cureth poyſoned bitings: To the healings of the wounds, the pouder of Century ought to be put to them. *Julius*'s book of Waters. *Suvonimus* deſcribes this which is a worthy Work.

34. Put Quickſilver in a Bladder, and lay the Bladder in a hot place, and it will skip from place to place without handling.

35. An excellent Water for purifying or cleanſing the skin of the face, or other parts of the body which is a ſecret, and unknown. Take ſix New-laid Eggs, half a pound of Malmſey, a young Pigeon not wholly feathered half a pound of new Cheeſe, coming from the Preſs made of unskimed milk, eight Oranges, Oyl of Tartar three ounces, one ounce of Ceruſe made in fine pouder, Gum of Arabick, and Maſtick, of either half an ounce, water of bean flower eight ounces, Rice four ounces, ſteeped firſt a whole day and a night in half a pint of Cream; cut the Oranges in pieces, and ſtamp them a little, then put all together, with the Cream and Rice alſo, and diſtil the ſame alſo with an eaſie fire, and keep the water therewith diſtilled in a clean cloſe ſtopped Glaſs, and uſe to rub or wet the Face therewith every evening before you go to bed, and every morning, waſh it clean with water diſtilled of Bean flowers. Uſe this for a fortnight or three weeks together, and you ſhall find it a notable thing.

36. To

36. To make a Glew to hold or joyn things together, as hard or faſt as a ſtone, and an excellent ſecret. Take unſlackt Lime, and quench the ſame with Wine, and beat the ſame into fine pouder, mixing therewith both Figs and Swines greaſe, and after labour them well together: for this (as *Pliny* writeth) paſſeth the hardneſs of a Stone, which joyneth broken pots or any thing together. Alſo take Greek Pitch, Rozin, and the pouder of little ſtones, theſe mix together, and when you will occupy of the ſame, then heat it over the fire, and work therewith (that is, joyn any thing therewith) and it holdeth them together as hard as any nail. Alſo take *Spuus ferrie*, one pound, of Tyle-ſhards in pouder two pound, of unſlackt Lime 4 pound, of Oyl of Linſeed, as much as ſhall ſuffice to prepare, mix and work them together; this Glew is marvellous ſtrong which neither feareth nor yieldeth to Water nor Fire. This is of the natural and Artificial concluſions of the Schollars of *Padua*, Tranſlated into Engliſh by *Thomas Hill*.

37. An Angel-like Water of a marvellous vertue againſt blearedneſs of the Eyes, Chanks & burning with fire; Take three ounces of unſlackt Lime, and half a pound of rain Water, let them ſtand together in a veſſel of Glaſs or Tin, three days, and mix and ſtir them together, and let them ſettle again a whole day and night, in a veſſel covered, afterward ſtrain them tenderly through a linnen cloath, until it be clear, then put into it 3 drams of Salt Armoniack, the whiteſt you can get, beat it finely, and let it be diſſolved with long ſtanding, and oft moving in the ſaid Water. And when it is ſetled

ſtrain

ſtrain the clean Water that ſtandeth above, certain times, or elſe diſtil it by a filter. This Water healeth the Spot and Web in the Eye; if you drop three drops thrice every day into them, continuing ſo until the Eyes be whole; it taketh away alſo the tears of the Eyes, the redneſs, and the bleareдneſs of the Eyes, and alſo the Canker and burning: it taketh away all ſpots and ſtains out of cloth, both of Silk and Woollen, if they be waſhed with it a little warmed. *Funerius* by the report of *Euonimus*. Beſides I have proved it in the like caſe; therefore I am bold to ſay it is an excellent thing.

38. An excellent Water called the Golden Water, a Balm and a black Oyl doth follow.

Take of pure Turpentine, ſeven ounces, waſh it well with white Wine, after take good white Honey three pound, clarifie it with a little White-wine over an eaſie fire, & take off the ſcum ſtill from it, then put the Turpentine to it, mixing them well together; then pour thereto of *Aqua Vitæ* four pound, and mix them well in a body of Glaſs, luting (or ſtoping it well) then take Bugloſſe, Borage, Bame, Sage, Lavender, of each one handful, Wormwood one Dram, Roſemary two handfulls, then take Wood of Aloes, *Xilobalſamum*, the three Saunders, of each one Dram, Mace, Nutmeg, Galinga, Cloves Cucubus, white and long Pepper, Saffron, Spiknarde, Grain of Paradiſe, *Cardamomum* of each three Drams; Zeodary, half an ounce, Squinant half a Dram, the Peals or Rinds of Lemons, the Seeds of Lemons, *Sticados Arabich*, of each one Dram, *Calamus Aromaticus* half a Dram, *Carlimacerdopacii* two ounces, *Biſtort* two Drams, the

the Root of Flowerdeluce half an ounce, of Bayberries, Valerian, Polipody, of each half an ounce, of Liquoriſh, Anniſeeds, of either half a dram, of Radiſh two ounces, of Corriander correct, half an ounce, Syler Mountain one dram, Blanched Almonds half a pound, ſmall Rayſons half a pound being waſht with Wine. All theſe (being beaten and ſtrained) put into the ſaid body of Glaſs, to the Hony and other things, and if there be not enough of *Aqua Vitæ*, put thereto more, and let them ſtand ſo ſeven dayes well covered and ſtopt, then after diſtil the ſame in Aſhes with an eaſie Fire, (all being well luted) for the ſpace of four hours (leſt the Hony boyl) then there will come out a clear Water, then increaſe the fire, and when you ſee the Water Yellow, then put to another Receiver of Glaſs, which you muſt lute alſo with the Beak of the Still, and keep the firſt Water by it ſelf, and increaſe the fire until there come no more Yellow Water, and when you ſee it come Black, then take away the Receiver, and put another thereto, and lute it likewiſe, and when you ſee a ſmoke come, then it is enough, and keep alſo theſe three ſeverally, & let the ſtill ſtand until it be cold. In the firſt water put *Folii Indi* five drams, Amber half a dram, Musk half a ſcruple, which is twelve grains, and alſo fifteen leaves of Gold. If you will uſe it for the Head, take one ounce of the water of Betony, and of the firſt Water one ſpoonful, mix them together and drink it all faſting. The vertue of this doth ſtrengthen all the Members. Take ounce of Malmſey or of other good Wine in a little Glaſs, put one ſpoonful

of this firſt white Water thereto, mix them together, and it will be as white as Milk, which drink with a faſting Stomach, neither eat or drink of two hours after, and it will preſerve thy Members. For a cold Liver, take a ſpoonful of the White Water, with an ounce of the water of Sage. For the Breaſt, and the Cough and cold Rheum, take it with the Water of Hyſop, Lovach, or Fennel. For the Heart, with the Water of Bugloſs Borage, or Balm. For the Stomach, with the Water of Wormwood. For the Lights, with the Water of Maidenhair, or Polibody. For the Spleen, with the Water of Harts-tongue. For the *Vertigo*, or Giddineſs of the Head, or the Apoplexie, with the Water of Piony, of Fennel or of St. *Johns* Wort. For the Stone, with the water of Radiſh, or Winter Cherries. For the Retaining or holding of the Water, with the Water of Creſſes, ſome Parſley or Saxifrage. For the Eyes, with the Water of Fennel, or Eye-bright. For the Retaining or Withholding of Menſtrues, with the Water of Mugwort, or with the Water of Radiſh. For the too much Flux of the Menſtrues, with the water of Plantane, or Night-ſhade. For the Matrix hurt by the Midwife, or of any cold cauſe, whereby ſhe doth conceive no more, let it be uſed with the Water of the Valerian, or Betony. Againſt the ſpots of the Face, take of the Water of Pipernel, four parts of this White or firſt Water, one part; mix them together, and anoint the Face Morning and Evening, or drink it twice or thrice in the week with Endive-water. It Cures the Canker, being anointed

anointed therewith, and the Fiſtula, a drop there of many times put upon it. It helps a cold Gout, if it be anointed therewith. For the pain of the Matrix, let this Water be taken with the water of Mugwort. Alſo it is good againſt the Quartane and Quotidian Feavers. The Cytrine Oyl hath many Vertues, as the Oyl of Balm, if any Grief be anointed therewith. The Black Oyl is of great Vertue in the Gout, if it be anointed therewith, as the Mother of Balm. This I had out of an old written Book.

39. Here followeth an excellent Medicine, that will heal old Rotten and Incurable Ulcers, very quickly. Take of Turpentine three times waſht in fair Spring or Well-water, and after put in Roſe or Plantane Water, three ounces, the Yolk of an Egg, Oyl of Roſes an ounce and a half, Mercury Sublimate made in Pouder, half a dram, and let them be all mixt well together, and make thereof an Oyntment, and waſh the Ulcers or Sores, with white Wine, then ſpread ſome of that Oyntment or Salve upon Flax, and apply it to the Sore, and Dreſs it with new Salve twice every day; but before every Dreſſing, anoint it with this following, three or four fingers breadth about the Sore. Take of the Oyl of Roſes, two ounces, of Vinegar half an ounce, of the Pouder, and Bole Armoniack, a little, mix them together, and anoint it as is before ſaid: And when all the Rotten or Putrified Fleſh is eaten out, then anoint the Ulcer with Butter, and you ſhall ſee a wonderful effect. Proved.

40. For Burning or great Intollerable heat

of the Urine. Take of the Seeds of Purſlane, of the Seeds of Lettice, of the Seeds of Endine, of the Seeds of the White Poppy, two ounces of every of them, of the Seeds of Hebane half a dram, Sebaſten two ounces, Saffron one dram, Liquorice five drams, Pine-Apple Kernels ten drams, Fountain or Spring water ſix pound, mix them all together, and let them be ſod untill the conſuming of the third part of the water, then let it be ſtrained, whereof take one ounce in the morning, mixt with one ounce of Julop of Violets, and the fourth day the effect will appear.

41. A notable & an excellent Balm. Take of Turpentine one pound and a half, Galbanum 2 ounces, *Aloes Cicotrine*, Maſtick, cloves, Galengale Cinamon, Nutmegs, Cubebs, of every one of them an ounce, Gum of Ivy half an ounce, when all is well beaten, mix them together, and diſtil them in a Glaſs, with a ſlow fire firſt, and receive the firſt water by it ſelf ſeverally, then increaſe the fire, and a water more rediſh will come, then increaſe the fire more, and an Oyl will come of a red colour, receive that ſo long as any will come, you muſt change the receiver thrice. This Oyl hath all the vertues of true Balm, for it burneth in the water, and curdeth Milk by and by; for if one drop of it warm be put into a pint of Milk, it will forthwith become curded. The firſt Liquor is called the Water of Balm, the ſecond Oyl of Balm, the third Balm artificial. The firſt is profitable againſt the running of the Ears, if 2 drops morning and evening, be put into them, dropt into the Eyes, it mendeth the bleareдneſs, and conſumeth the Tears, it doth marvellouſly reſtrain ſuperfluous

fluous humours in any part of the Body; it taketh away the Tooth-Ach, being washt therewith, and killeth the Worms, if there be any. The third Liquor will suffer no Venom, it is an utter destruction to Spiders, and Serpents; two or three drops thereof laid upon a venemous biting, doth make it whole straight. If thou draw a Circle with this Liquor, and shut a venemous Beast therein, it will dye there rather then get out; to be short, it doth all the same things that Treacle doth, but all things more effectually, being poured or put upon any Impostume, within 9 dayes healeth them, and likewise a Fistula, be it never so evil, and also *Noli me tangere*. All diseases bred of them, and of cold humours it healeth, if a linnen cloth dipt in it, be laid on the place where the grief is. It putteth away utterly the Palsey, and all trembling of Members. It strengthneth marvellously the Sinews, it is hotter then the first or second. If a man put a drop of it in his hand it pierces strait without grief. To conclude, it doth many other things, and diseases risen from a cold cause it healeth, if they use it right. *Lullius* in his Book of Waters. But this is proved by *Euvonimus*.

42. If you take Gall of an Ox, Mans Urine, Verjuice, and juice of Nettles of each a like quantity, and mix them diligently together, and after quench Steel red hot therein, four or 5 times together; the same Steel will after become as soft as Paste. This is affirmed by the Scholars of *Padua*.

43. A most present Remedy for them that are infected with the Plague, for Carbuncles, Pestilential Pustles, Holy Fire, and of that kind.

Take the ripe Berries of Ivy, being dryed in the ſhadow, then ſtamp them and make them into Pouder, of which Pouder take half a dram in two or three ounces of the Water of Plantane, and remain ſtill in the bed, until you have ſweat very well, and after you have ſweat, put on a clean Shirt well aired at the fire. And if you may conveniently, let the ſheets and Cloaths of the Bed be ſhifted. There hath been ſome healed with this order in one night. This is proved, *Alexis* of *Pyemont* ſaw one helpt with taking this Pouder twice, that is morning and evening, having two Sores appearing, which with this Pouder, broke the next day after, and ſo recovered.

44. To make an Egg aſcend into the Air. In the Month of May, fill an Egg-ſhel clean emptied, with Dew, and ſtop the hole well, wherein you did put the Dew, then lay the Egg in the hot Sun about noon, and it will be lifted up. But if you ſet a Staff by it, it will aſcend the more eaſily. *Jacobus Weckerus.*

45. To make a thin Glew, a trim ſecret. Take the Glew made of Fiſhes, and beat the ſame ſtrongly on an Anvile till it be thin, which after lay to ſoke in water, until it become very ſoft and tender, which will be within five or ſix hours, and then work it like Paſte, to make ſmall Rowls thereof, which being like Paſte, ſtretch it or draw it out very thin; and when you will work with it, then put ſome of it into an earthen Pot with a little water over the Embers, and skum the ſame very clean, and let it ſo ſeeth a little while, then after work with the ſame, keeping it ſtill over the hot

hot Embers, until you have done with it, for ſo it faſteneth and bindeth the ſtronger; and in ſuch ſort that it faſtneth pieces of Glaſs together. Proved.

46. If you would deſtroy Caterpillers, do thus. Anoint all the bottom of the Tree round about with Tar, then get a great ſort of Ants or Piſmyres, and put them in ſome Bag, and draw the ſame by a Cord unto the Tree, and ſo let it hang there, ſo that it touch the body of the Tree, and the Ants let it to go down from the Tree by the means of the Tar, and for want of Food, eat and deſtroy all the Caterpillers there, without hurting any of the Fruit. This was told me for a very truth.

47. Make a hole in the end of a Gooſe Egg, and put all the White and Yolk out of it, then put into the Shell a Bat that flies about in the Evening, and then glew or cloſe it faſt on the Top, and you ſhall ſee the Bat flie away with the ſame Egg-ſhel, to the great marvel of them that know it not, Proved.

48. Rub any precious Stone upon Lead, and if then it change the Colour, then it is a counterfeit Stone; if it chan no', then it is a natural and good Stone.

49. Stamp Celandine, and lay it to any Tetter or Ringworm, or any other ſuch like, called, *Impſperigo*, or *Spergo*, ſhifting it twice every day with new, for the ſpace of a Fortnight, and it will quite deſtroy and kill them. And alſo it will put away any black ſpots with the like uſeing thereof in what part of the Body ſoever they be.

50. A very good Laxative, Dredg Pouder whereof you may take a ſpoonful when you need in your Pottage, or Broth, it will make you go to the Stool. Take of pure Turbith one ounce, Ginger, Cinamon, Maſtick, Anniſeeds Hermobactils, Diagredion, of each half an ounce, of the Leaves of Sene, two ounces, of Sugar four ounces, beat all into fine Pouder, and let them be mixed together. *Leonardus Fuchſius.*

51. Take the Stones out of Rayſons of the Sun, then ſtamp the ſaid Rayſons, and apply a Plaiſter thereof to any Grief or Ach, and it will ceaſe it preſently, and if you uſe it five or ſix times in ſuch order, it will thoroughly help and cure the ſame. I have ſeen this proved.

52. If you gather green Beans from the Stalks when they be ripe, fully grown and ready to eat, and then immediatly cut off the ſaid Stalks within, a handful of the Root, then new and more branches will ſhortly ſpring out of the ſame; where upon will ſpring forth new Beans and more plentiful then before, and as good as the firſt; whereby you may have more then double Increaſe, and two ſeveral gatherings of Beans in one Year. But in any wiſe, take heed that the firſt gathering and cutting away of the Stalks, be when the ſaid ſtalks be green, I have ſeen it proved, therefore I write and publiſh it for an undoubted truth. It is credibly told me, that if you uſe Peaſe in the ſame order, the like effect will follow, which I believe to be true as well in the one as in the other.

53. Take a little Rew, or Herbegrace, and ſtamp the ſame, then ſtrain out the Juice thereof, and after

after you have thus done, let the party that is pained with the Tooth ach, drop three or four drops of the ſame juice into his Ear, on that ſide the pain is, and let him lye on his other ſide an hour or two, & it will not only take away the preſent pain, but alſo the party that tryeth it ſhall never be troubled with the Tooth-ach afterward. This was reported unto me for a Truth, by one which had proved the ſame.

54. Lay a diſh over hot ſodden Milk, and there will a Water be on the inſide of the diſh, which Water keep in ſome Glaſs whereof if a little be put into ſore pained or dim Eyes, it will help them marvellouſly. This was affirmed to me for a truth.

55. A Fly drown'd in Water, Wine, Ale, or Beer, and ſo thoroughly dead, being laid in warm Aſhes, (but they muſt not be burning or very hot) the ſame Fly will recover, and live again. This is very true.

56. If you do gather Roſes when they be fully Ripe, and immediatly cut away the new ſprings tops, and the uppermoſt branches of that year, you ſhall have new and freſh Roſes grow out of the ſame, the ſame year, about *Michaelmas*. I know this to be true, and for a truth I have publiſhed it abroad.

57. The *Indians* do uſe the Tobacco a notable Herb, for to endure the drowth, and alſo for to ſuffer hunger, and to paſs dayes, without having need either to Eat or Drink, by any Deſerted or Diſ-Peopled Country, where they ſhall find neither Water nor Meat. They do uſe of theſe little Balls, which they do make of this Tobbacco, they take

take the leaves of it, and do chew it, and as they go chewing of them, they mingle with them a certain pouder made of the ſhels of Cockles burned, and they mingle it in their mouths together, until they make it like a Dough, of the which they make certain little Balls not much greater then Peaſon, and they put them to dry in the ſhadow, and after they keep them and uſe them, for the avoiding of hunger and thirſt in their travel, without any meat or drink, for the ſpace of three or four dayes. This Doctor *Monardus* hath written with many other wonders and notable vertues thereof, in his Book before-mentioned, intituled, Joyful News out of the New-found World. This Tobacco is a marvellous and wonderful Herb, growing in the Weſt-Indies, called, the New Spain; and through the bringing of the Seeds thereof from thence, it grows now both in Spain and in France.

58. Worms and other venemous Beaſts are driven away from any place, with the ſmoke or fume of other Beaſts of the ſame kind.

59. Quickſilver killed, burned Lead, the Scales of Iron, or black Hellebore, mixed with ſome pleaſant meat that Mice love, if any Mice eat thereon, it will kill them. *Mizaldus.*

60. There is a certain Gum brought from the firm Land of *Peru*, which helps the Gout with purging the cauſe thereof; if you put of it as much as a Nut in diſtilled Water, which Water ought to be the quantity of two ounces, and give the ſame to the Patient, the ſame party forbearing meat until the midſt of the day. This *Monardus*

nardus affirms to be proved, manifesting the same at large, in his book called Joyful News out of the New found World. The name of the Gum he names not.

61. The roots of Roses or their slips with their knots, removed and set amongst Broom, will bring forth yellow Roses.

62. That cheese that is made with Cheeslar or Rennet, wherein a little of the Brains of a Weasel is put or mixt, will not putrifie, neither be eaten of Mice.

63. There is a certain Tree growing in *Peru*, a Bough whereof, if one doth hold fast in his Left hand a good while, that would know whether one that is sick shall live or die, (of that disease, or at that time) if the sick shall live and escape, the party that holds the same shall shew much gladness. If the sick shall die, then the party that holds the same shall be very sad. *Monardus* writes of this Tree in his said Book, and shews that the same, was proved to be true by a Gentlewoman that was marvellous sad, whiles she did hold the same, whose Husband died soon after accordingly. *Taisner.*

64. A rare and strange kind of fruit, as great as a Nut, with marvellous round and hard black stones in them, is brought out of the New *Spain*, by the Report of the said worthy Doctor *Monardus*, whereof two or three with hot Water, doth more effect for to wash and to make clean cloaths, then one Pound of Sope doth; whereof, as well as of many other strange and excellent things you may read, Described at large in his said Book called

led. The Joyful News of the *NEW FOUND WORLD*: A Book no doubt, but worthy of great Value, Estimation and Commendation.

65. If a handful of Figgs be stampt, till the Kernels be broken, then tempered with a little fresh Grease, and so a Plaister thereof laid to a Womans breast that is sore, as hot as she may suffer the same, it will take away the swelling and pain thereof; and if it be ready to break, it will break it, or else not. This is an excellent and sure tryed thing.

66. Take two ounces of Sulphur Vive called quick Brimstone, beat it in Pouder, and mix the same well with as much black Sope, that is of the most stinking smell, and tie the same in a Linnen cloth, and let it hang in a pint of strong Wine Vinegar for the space of nine dayes, and then use to wash any kind of scurviness or Morphew therewith though never so cold or rooted, being of the face, or in any other part of the Body, with a Linnen cloth dipt, or wet therein, and so let the same Vinegar dry in of it self, and do thus as long as the said Vinegar lasteth, and therewith the Deformity or Morphew will be perfectly healed. And whosoever useth to drink the Water of Strawberies distilled, it will certainly kill the root of any Morphew that is within the Body. Proved.

67. An excellent Preservative against the Plague which was proved and used in the great Plague time in ENGLAND, in the Year of our Lord 1548. For every one that used it then, escaped. Take Aloes, Hepathick, pure Cinamon, Myrh, of each three Drams, Cloves, Mace, Wood of

Aloes

Aloes, called *Lignum Aloes*, Maſtick, Bole Armoniack, of each half an ounce, mix them all together, and make thereof a very fine Pouder, whereof take early in the Morning, with White Wine mixt with a little Water, and by the Grace of God, you ſhall be preſerved ſafe from the Plague. *Weckerus.*

68. If you burn the ſhels of Snails with Styracks and then ſprinkle thereof upon an Ants hill, there by they will be driven forth of the ground, or place where they are.

69. Take Engliſh Saffron beaten in fine Pouder, and as much of pure and good black Sope, which when they be well mingled together, ſpread it upon the fleſhy ſide of a piece of Leather, then lay it upon the Navel of them whoſe Urine or Water is ſtopt, and it will procure the Water to come forth, and thereby they ſhall make water within an hour. This was told me for a truth, and tryed ſecret, whereof I dare make no warrantize, but favour it as you find it.

70. *Alexander* the Great, being deſirous that the long life of Harts might be known to his Poſterity, cauſeth golden Chaines to be made faſt unto many Harts (about their Necks I think) the time when the ſame was done being expreſt or marked in the ſame; and they which were taken off the ſame Harts, an hundred years after, did not ſeem to be of the Age of old Harts. *Mizaldus* writes this, who affirms that *Pliny* is the Author thereof.

71. Quick Lime mixt with old Cheeſe, and well beaten togther, will faſten and glew ſtrongly

together

gether broken ſtone Veſſels, and alſo broken Glaſſes. This was credibly told me for a very great ſecret, by one that proved it.

72. Whoſoever hath an extream heat, or ſore burning Feaver, Let him uſe to drink four or five times in one day, a good draught of the diſtilled water of Wild Poppy, that is; *Pappaver erraticum*, which grows among Corn, with a red flower, much like the leaf of a Roſe, it is called of ſome, Red Corn Roſe, This I have tryed to be true.

73. If the bottom of a ſeething Pot with meat newly taken from the fire, may be touched or felt without harm or danger of burning, then certainly the ſame meat is boyled enough, but if it be hot and not ſufferable, then it is not ſufficiently ſod. This I know to be true, for I have ſeen the tryal thereof.

74. Lay a green Ivy leaf in a diſh, or other Veſſel of fair Water, either for your ſelf or for any other; on New-years evening at night, and cover the water in the ſaid Veſſel, and ſet it in a ſure or ſafe place, until the Twelfth evening next after; (which will be the fifth day of January) and then take the ſaid Ivy-leaf out of the ſaid Water, and mark well if the ſaid leaf be fair and green as it was before, for then you or the party for whom you lay it into the Water, will be whole and ſound and ſafe from any ſickneſs all the next year following. But if you find any black ſpots thereon, the you or the parties for whom you laid it into the Water, will be ſick the ſame year following. And if the ſpots be on the upper part of the leaf toward the ſtalk, then the ſickneſs or pain will be in the head

head, or in the neck, or thereabout. And if it be ſpotted nigh the midſt of the Leaf, then the ſickneſs will be about the Stomach or heart. And likewiſe judg that the Diſeaſe or grief will be in that part of the body, according as you ſee the black ſpots under the ſame in the leaf, accounting the ſpots in the nether or ſharp end of the Leaf to ſignifie the pains or Diſeaſes in the feet. And if the leaf be ſpotted all over, then it ſignifies that you or the party ſhall dye that year following. You may prove this for many, or few, at one time, by putting them in Water, for every one a Leaf of green Ivy (ſo that every leaf be dated or mark'd to whom it doth belong.) This was credibly told me to be very certain, who affirmed to me faithfully, that it was divers times proved for a very truth. But becauſe I never tryed it, therefore I refer every one that ſhall read it, to the tryal thereof.

75. *Bruſonius* writes, and *Georgius Fabricus* affirms the ſame, that the bones of Hens, mixed with melting gold, conſume the ſame Gold into themſelves.

76. The Water of diſtilled Hony makes fair and comely coloured Hair, if it be often moiſtned, or ſpunged therewith. This is proved.

77. The roots of Holliocks, ſtampt and mixt with the Greaſe of an old Hog, and plaiſtered to the Gout, helpeth it in three or four dayes, *Pet. Hiſpanus.*

78. Verjuice ſod, until it be very hot, and then put into a Tin Bottle with a narrow mouth, and then holden to, or in the Ear, that the fume thereof may enter into the head; it will help the head-

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ach marvellouſly, and the ſounding of the ears. And if there be any quick things in the Head, it will bring them forth with great ſpeed. A Gentleman taught this to a Woman that was ſore tormented in her Head, eſteeming it as a precious and Rare Secret; but I never tryed it, therefore as it proves, ſo praiſe it.

79. If one be wounded that hath the Dropſie, it is hard to heal him. *Hipocrates.* Therefore this is worth the marking.

80. You ſhall know how many dayes old the Moon is, if you do as followeth (eſpecially ſhe being in the firſt quarter) hold before your Eyes a piece of fine Lawn and look thorow it ſtraight upon the Moon, and ſo many dayes old as the Moon is, ſo many Moons ſhall you ſee, or at the leaſt, they will ſeem ſo many in your ſight. As ſoon as you try it you will ſay it is true, for I have ſeen the proof thereof.

81. I have heard it told for a very truth by divers perſons, that in a Plague time, in the City of *Cullen*, there was a certain woman died, and was buried with a Ring of Gold on her finger, for the goodneſs whereof, a covetousfellow within a while after ſhe was buried, digged her Grave, and opened the Coffin, wherein ſhe did lye, thinking thereby to take away the Ring from her finger, but immediatly the ſaid Woman did ſuddenly ſtir, and move, and began to ſit up, which when the fellow ſaw, with great fear he run away; the Woman by ſome means did unlooſe the ſheet wherein ſhe was wrapt, and then ſhe went ſtraight home to her husband, & called upon him to let her into the houſe;

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whom when he heard, he thought it had been a Spirit. But at last, through her importunate calling, he received her into the House, and thus wonderfully she recovered and lived; which Woman, after that had three or four Children, of whom it was said, there is a Monument at this present, in the said City of *Gallen*. Therefore too hasty or quick Burial is not to be used, as not only this rare Example may sufficiently teach us, but also for such causes as I have alledged in another place of this Book.

82. If you graft the slip of a Wilding or sower Apple upon the stock of a Hawthorn, you shall have Medlers grow thereof. This I have seen proved, therefore I affirm it for a very truth.

83. A little Bird, called the King-Fisher, being hanged up in the Air by the Neck, his Neb or Bill will be always direct or straight against the Wind. This was took me for a very truth, by one that knew it by proof, as he said.

84. Whosoever shall wear about their middle such a Girdle as followeth, tying it fast that it fall not away, they shall not need to fear drowning, though the Boat they are in should miscarry, whereby they may pass over any Water safely, and without any danger, though it be never so deep; for so long as they have it about them, they cannot sink. Take two pieces of good Neats Leather well Tanned and Dress'd, such as Foot-Balls be made of, (either piece being of the breadth of five or six Fingers) and of such a length as will make a sufficient Girdle for you, let a Shoomaker Sew them very strongly, and thick stitched, and surely together, and like-

wise at both the ends, and in the midst thereof fasten a Pipe, like to a Bag-pipe, wherewith blow the same Bridle as full of Wind as you can possible, then under the nether end of the Pipe, tie the Leather very fast and sure, that joyns the Pipe and the Girdle together; with a strong Packthred or with some other sure and strong thing, lest the Wind should come out of the Girdle (where of you must take great heed.) Also blow three Ox Bladers full of Wind, and tie them hard that the Wind go not forth of the same, and Sew each of them strongly and surely within with good strong Nets Leather, round like unto a Foot-ball, and make three strong Loops upon the said Girdle, one against the midst of the Back, and against either of the sides one, and then tie fast and surely one of the said Bladers sewed in the Leather, to every of the said Loops, and then tie the same Girdle about your middle very fast and sure, and then you cannot sink into the Water, and so you may pass safely over, if the Water be not too broad and too rough. *Nicholas Machavel* hath written of such a like Girdle in his excellent Book of the Art of Wars, for the saving of Souldiers and Fishers, over Waters. In his Book, there are other notable Engines, and worthy matter beside, concerning Wars.

85. A Ladle made of the Wood of a Fig-tree, hath a marvellous property, for if flesh in the seething thereof, be often stirred therewith, or if it be in the pot while it is seething, it makes the Flesh to be sooner Sodden.

86. A Partridg will cry aloud, and will tear

or break the Cage or Coop where she is fed; if there be any deadly Medicine or Poyson prepared within the same House, which she doth feel presently, and also hath knowledg thereof, through a wonderful, special, and rare Gift of Nature. *Ennius ex Pisone.*

87. *Gellius* writes, that the Hedg-Hog makes the mouth of her Hole, Cabben, or Cave, always contrary to the Wind; for through a marvellous Natural gift, she hath fore-knowledge in what Quarter the Wind will be, and thereupon she changeth the mouth or entring in of her Hole, or Cave, whereby Mariners have learned aforehand, the place of Wind.

The End of the Tenth Book.

The Eleventh Book.

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AN inward Imposthume may be broken by a sudden Passion, as Laughter, *&c.* As appears by that memorable Story of a Cardinal of *Rome*, who being at the point of Death, and given over of all Phisicians; Every one of his Servants strove to get something for himself, and so divers of his Gentlemen having some, a little Box, or Cabinet, or little Trunks under their Arms, came and presented their Service to him, and so past

away with a Congie. The Cardinal keeping an Ape, and the Ape observing as he sate by the Bed side, how they all carried away somewhat, and were gone; he spied the Cardinals Cap, which being upon the Bed, he leaped and took it, and put it on his Head and came and bowed his Head to the Cadinal, and so went out of his presence; the Cardinal, perceiving that his Servants had pragged for themselves, & had left him, & observing the Ape how he strove to imitate them, could not forbear Laughing extreamly at the wit of the Ape, and the Servants Knavery, and so by his violent Laughter, his Imposthume broke, and he speedily recovered his Health.

2. An approved Cure for the Tooth-Ach, caused either by Worms or Rheumes; take some Sea water, which is extream Salt, and hold it in the Mouth on that side the pain is on, and when it begins to be hot in the Mouth spit it out, and take more, do so four or five times, and as you find the pain decrease, cease to use it: It is certain that it kills Worms, and stops Rheums, therefore *Plutarch* in his Morals, saith; That they that live near the Sea need not be troubled with this Disease, because they have so sure a Remedy near them.

3. The Cure of that common Disease of the Ague seems to be so hard, and the Medicines used to be unprofitable, because Physicians mistake the State and Place of the Ague, and indeed because the Practice of the true Cure is altogether now left off. For the Ague lies in the Spirits, in the Intrals, and in the Blood. In the Veins, for the Spirits irritated and oppressed: Therefore the Antient

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Greeks, alwayes opened an Artery, and so never missed of perfect and speedy Cure; And if it was now Practised, thousands would speedily find help for that Shivering and Quaking Disease. Proved.

4. The Stone is a sore Disease, and often times costs the Life of the Party grieved; which yet to help and Cure, men are taught by Nature, in some Plants and Herbs. For it is certain, Thyme, Parsly, and Nettles flourish most in stony ground, nay lay the Seeds of these in a close place, even upon Marble and they will take Root in it, and cleave and break it; so that, mix the Spirits of these three or four Plants together, of Thyme, Parsly, Roman, Red Nettles, and Fennel, of each a like quantity, and let the Patient take a little quantity in White Wine in a Morning fasting, and at Evening in Bed, he will shortly, to great comfort, find the benefit. Proved.

5. There have been Many men, and Women, who have been cut and wounded, and for want of some to stench the Bleeding, have been not only much infeebled, and their Spirits quite spent; nay oftentimes Gangrens, and so Amputation of a Limb, if not Death hath followed; for the Prevention whereof, till a Chirurgeon can be had, let the Webs of Spiders (the more venemous the better for that use) be gotten, and applied to the Wound, and they will stop the Bleeding of the Wound, for they are of great force, and stiptick for all Flux of Blood; let it not be dispised because it is easily to be had, for the Web of the Spider is in many cases, as good as Silk-Worms. Proved.

6. There is not a ſafer or ſurer Remedy to kill Worms in Children, then to take ſix, eight, or ten Red Earth-worms, and let them purge in Bay-ſalt, then ſlit them open and waſh them in fair Water or White Wine, and dry them in an Earthen Pot, or Diſh, and when they are dried, let them be beaten to Pouder, and ſo give them to the Child in the Morning faſting, three or four Mornings, and let him eat nothing for one hours ſpace, and the Worms will Rot, and Void with the Excrements. *Taiſnier.*

7. 'Tis reported for a thing wonderful that a certain Jew, for Lucre and Gains, would be Baptiſed, and ſeem to turn Chriſtian; but coming to the place, the Water ſuddenly iſſued out of the Font, which being fill'd the ſecond, and third time did ſo again, which was taken as a token, to ſhew Gods power, and the Jews perfidiouſneſs. *Anno Chriſti* 416. *Sigibert* being Emperor, and *Theodoſius* the younger.

8. The Frog is commonly known; but the virtues of them Phiſically uſed, are wonderful, and ſcarcely known. All parts of them are good, and profitable for Mankind, their Heart, *Arnoldus* ſays in *Lib.* 4. *Breu.* That one who was troubled with a Fiſtula at the Lower Region of his Stomach, was perfectly Cured by ſwallowing four or five Mornings, the Hearts of Frogs; the Lungs are a Preſervative againſt the Falling-Sickneſs. And ſo is the Liver, as *Timotheus* relates, the Liver dried and mixed with Hony, applied to the Tooth-Ach, is a preſent Cure, as *Nicander* hath it. *Wecherus* teſtifies the ſame beaten to Pouder

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and drunk, is good against a Quartane Ague. *Lib.* 2. *Antedot. Specif.* The Gall (as *Pliny* hath it) dissolved in Hony Cures the Flux, called the Discentery, the Blood is good against growing of Hairs, their Fat dropt into the Ears Cures Deafness; the Spaun or Sperm of them put into a Linnen Cloth, and applied to the Hemroides or Piles, is excellent, as *Gallius* in his *Basilica Chymica*. The same kills the Itch of the Hands, and Redness of the Face, and is good against any Burnings, as *Quercetan* testifies, *Lib.* 1. Pharmac, taken in *March*, all these are known for truth, as *Aldrovandus*, that famous Author, in his *Historica Quadrup.* relates. *Lib.* 1. *Pag.* 606.

9. *Of the Eagle.* The skin of the Eagle dresst curiously with the Feather, when she is young, and her Feathers as Swans-down, thick and soft, doth mightily help those Diseases of the Stomach, and Cholick, being applied warm to the place grieved, the Sinews of the Neck, and Back help the Gout in the Hands or Feet; the Bones of her Scull laid to the Head, helps the Head-Ach, *Aldrovand. Lib.* 1. *de Orthilog.*

10. *Of the Peacock.* Though this Bird be not indued with Reason, yet he may teach us something unknown to us who have Reason, why else, doth this Bird by his loud and harsh clamour, Propheſie, and foretel Rain, and the oftner they cry the more Rain is signified, and *Theophrastus* and *Mizaldus* relates, in *Ephem. Text.* 1. *C.* 43. And *Paracelsus* says, if a Peacock crys more then usually, or out of his time, it foretels the death of some in that family to whom it doth be-

long, but the Dung of the Bird dried, and drunk, is a special Remedy for the Sight, and Gout. *Joan. Scripta. Lib. 3.*

11. It is a wonderful thing, that when all other Creatures (and Man chiefly) being bitten by a mad Dog, turn mad and die; yet that Creature called a Goose doth not, whether her sudden swimming in the Water, or the eating of the Herb, or the solidness and hardness of her flesh hinders, and Expels the Venome, is uncertain: Some say, it is rather because this Creature is so wary, and vigilant, that it is not known that ever any was bitten by a mad Dog, they making into the Water for safety. *Arist. Niphus.*

12. *Theophrastus* says, that he that keeps Geese about his House, need not fear Thieves, and hath alwayes those that will tell him assuredly, what Weather will ensue; For the Goose by watchfulness and clamour, will give the Alarum against Thieves, and by their eagerness of feeding, and fluttering in the Water, they do presage a Storm at hand, and this is true. Either Summer, or Winter, *Theophr. de sig. Tempest. Pliny, Lib. 18. C. 35. Carolus Steph. Hist. Sep. Lib. 19. C. 7.*

13. The Hairs of Goats burnt and mixed with Vinegar, stops presently the Bleeding at the Nose, as *Sextus*, and Cures the Lethargy. *Marcellus* and *Æsculapius*, affirm that the Hairs burnt and beaten to Pouder, and given in Wine to drink, doth Expel the Stone, and Cures the Strangury. This is true.

14. The Stag by Nature, hates all Poysonous things, therefore either the Feet, or Skin, or the Horns

Horns of a Stag, Nayled up over a door, no Serpent will enter in, *Gardanus* gives three Reasons why they are such haters, and preservatives against poysonous things.

15. There is a wonderful story recorded of a Young man, who perswaded his Mother being very Rich, to make over all her Estate to him; to the end that he might thereby Marry a Rich Wife, which she did perform: Her Son Marries richly, but presently slighted his aged Mother, and thrust her out of Doors, so that she was forced to Beg from Door to Door: The Young-man and his Wife, and some other Friends with them, made a sumptuous Dinner, and about the midst of Dinner, his Mother, being almost starved, knockt to come into the House, the Door being opened, and the Young-man hearing his mothers Voice, commanded the Servants to cover the Dishes of Meat, and carry them away, that his Mother might not see them: She entred, and her Son talked a good while with her, but at last desired her to depart out of his House, which she did, and so he presently commanded his Servants to bring the Dishes of Meat again to the Table, the Servants opening the Dishes, in three or four of them, wherein Chickens, and a Capon were laid, drest before, were now ugly folded Serpents; the Servants affrighted, durst not come near the Platters, the Master wondring at their stay, sent a Maid-servant to bid them make haste, she coming, seeing so strange a change, ran and told her Master, that the Chickens, and Capons was turned to great Serpents in the Dish: He rose up in haste, and said, though

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the Devil was in the Dishes, yet he would bring them to the Table? So coming to lay hands on the Dishes, the Serpents leaped furiously into his face, and folded themselves so fast about his neck with their Mouths to his, that with their rank poyson he presently died, miserably swoln, and stinking, A notable punishment to unnatural Children, forcing their aged Parents. This I had out of *Cæsarius Hesterbach. Lib. 6. Illust. Mirac. cap.* 22. 16. The same Author tells a Memorable story, of a Cure of an Ulcered Wound, by a Serpent. A Country Man received a grievous blow on his left side, which by neglect swelled; and putrified, so that it was adjudged uncureable, one day going in great pain to a Wood, he leaned on a tree that was cut down, with that side open to the Sun; so that the bruised Matter might Issue out, by chance he fell a sleep, and a Snake came and sucked his sore, he feeling something about him, suddenly started up and felt ease, but fearing his Medicine would be worse then his Malady, for he was afraid least the Snake should presently sting and poyson him, but at last resolved to let her alone, she, when she was full, went off, and the man was in good plight, so going home, he told his Neighbours what a kind Physitian he met with in the Wood, so he and some of them going thiter the next day, he laid him as he did before and his Phisitian presently came, and sucked his Wounds, as she did before, to his perfect recovery, and the wonder of his Neighbours, who would have killed the Serpent, but he desir'd them not to kill or hurt so providen-

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tial a Physitian. *Cæsari. Hesterbach. Lib. cit. Illust. Mer. cap.* 72.

17. *Titus Levius*, and other *Roman* Writers, relate a strange and true History, which happen'd betwixt the *Romans* and *Albanes*. *Cluilius* was King of the *Albanes*; And *Tullus Hostillius*, of the *Romans*: The *Albanes* invaded the *Roman* Territories, but *Cluillius* King of the *Albanes* dyed, and *Marius Suffetious* was chosen *Dictator* in his place; both parties agreed, that there might be some course taken, that two such great Armies, and worthy men might not be utterly destroyed, there were at that time three Brethren *Horatii*. of the *Romans* and three Brethren of the *Curiatii*, of the *Albans*, it was concluded of both sides, that the whole business concerning who should be chief, should be concluded by the success of these Combatants. They enter the Lists, equal in valour as in number fighting, two of the *Horatij* were killed outright, and two of the *Curiatij* wounded onely, the third of *Horatij* won the Field, not by fighting with all the three, but by running, and they following, encountred them one after another, and slew them all, to the glory of his Country and himself, though ill rewarded for it afterwards, this is a good example for other Countries not to neglect such who have done exemplary Acts of valour, and honour for their Countries freedome, *Tit. Liv. Lib. Primo.*

18. The signes, and tokens to know whether a Horse be old, or young, are various. *Anatolius* says, if you pull up the skin a little from the flesh, if it follow your hand as you draw it upon him,

him, and presently returns to its place, it shews a Horse is young; but if you lift up the skin, and it returns but slowly to the flesh, it declares him old. *Vegetius* says, that to know the age of a Horse, count the wrinkles upon his upper Lip, from the first place of his biting to the furthermost part, the number of the Wrinkles shews the number of years. The more Wrinckles the older, the Dulness of his Eyes, the Bauldness of his Eye-brows, his heavy Looks, his hanging down of his Head, and slowness to Motion, and white Hairs intermixed, with thickness of Skin, Posterns, set Dock, great Teeth Yellow, He is a young Horse whose Face is fierce, rash, bold, fuming, fiery, furious, and Neighing. *Camerrus* says, a good and couragious young Horse, must partake of three qualities from three Creatures, three from a Wolf, Eyes Stomach, and a stout Neck; three from a Fox, short Ears, long Tail, and gentle Gate; three from a Woman, his Breast, Pride, and his Hair. *Aldrovand. de Quadrup. Lib.* 1.

19. 'Tis known for truth, yet very strange that a Gentleman being a little merry with Wine, came to *Rochester* over the Bridg on Horse-back in the dark of the evening, there being but a Plank laid over betwixt two Arches, with small Rails for Foot-folks only, for the Bridg was Repairing, he not knowing of it, nor his Horse making any stop, when he came into his Inn the man bid him welcome, and wondering to see him there, asked how and which way he came into Town: The Gentleman replied, over the Bridg, it is impossible, said his Host, for a Horse to come

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over, the other defended it; next morning the Gentleman and his Host went to the Bridg, and he seeing the height of it from the Water, the Narrowness of the Plank, and the greatness of the Water, fell down dead immediately, and could not be recovered. Many have been known to have been swallowed up with grief, and so make away themselves, by thinking what evils they were to suffer, scarce any before this man is known to have died, for escaping great and imminent dangers.

28. A Famous, or rather an Infamous Thief, riding in a narrow Lane, there met him a Bearherd with two Bears, his Horse being full of Mettle, leapt a Hedg, and coming through the Meddow, there was a narrow Bridg over a River, his Horse running suddenly to it, went presently safely over. Nay says the Master, if you do so for your own pleasure, your shall do it once again for mine, so he turning his Horse, the Beast came well over again; he strove to force him to go over the third time, but the Horse would not, and so he presently cried out: *Way it is sure? That he that is born to be hanged, shall never be drowned.* And so he saying there was pursued and taken, brought to *Maidstone* Goal, and next Assizes was hanged for Felony.

29. *Albertus* Duke of *Saxony*, discoursing with *Maximilian* the Emperour, told in mirth and derision of the Popish Religion, that he had three strange things in one City, a great company of Fryars, Predicents, that had their Barns full of Corn, yet had no Ground to Till. A great many

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Franciscans that vowed poverty, and had no Revenews, yet their Chests were cramm'd with Gold, abundance of Black Monks that were full of Children, yet had no Wives.

22. That famous Bridge of *Rochester*, is all barricadoed with iron bars, of great strength and height, but few know the reason, and 'tis fitting to be divulged: A mans wife in *Rochester* kept a Paramour, and because she could not enjoy him as oft as she would, they both plotted to murder her husband, which they villainously performed, and having so done, they resolved to sew him up in Sack-cloth, and in the dark to throw him over the Bridge into the River, the Paramour having him upon his back, the woman spyed one of his feet hang out, stay (said she) I will stitch up this foot which hangs out, and in stitching, she stiched it fast to her Paramours Coat behind unwittingly, he coming to the bridge, went to hoist him over, and violently casting him off, the weight of the dead body, of a sudden, pull'd him over too, and so they both were drowned, who being taken up and known, the Woman was examined, confessed, and was executed, and hereupon to prevent the like mischiefs, the Bridge was presently after incompassed with Iron Bars.

23. In *Devon-shire*, in the time of the War, the Kings party kept a Garrison in a Knights House, the Parliaments Army marching not far from it, sent a party to summon it, but they within stood out and would not yield, so the Parliament having lost more men than the Commander judged the place worth gaining, came off, but the General, the

the Earl of *Essex*, sent a strong party to storm it, they within being but few, and wanting ammunition, the Captain being put to it extreamly, used all his wits to defend it; there stood hard by some five or six Hives of Bees, which the Captain Commanded to be thrown over the Walls amongst the Souldiers, they with their noise and stings did so wound them in their Faces, Necks, Heads, Hands and Leggs, and vex them that they were not able to use their Arms, whereupon the Captain (being a Kinsman to the General) sent presently to surrender the house, which was done upon good conditions and Honourable, because of the Wit, and Ingenuity of the Captain; whose policy wounded most, but killed none of the Parliaments Souldiers.

24. *Rodolph* the Emperour of *Germany*, kept a Blackamore, and he desired to have some *Barbary* Horses, fetcht out of *Barbary*, and he gave four or five thousand Pistols to the Moor, to go and fetch him some over, the Emperours *Jester* stood by, and seeing the Emperor so furnish him with so much money, took his note book and set down the Emperors name in it, the Emperor asked him why he did so, I count you a fool for trusting him so much, What if he comes again, said the Emperor, Your name shall stand in till he doth come, and when he is come, I will put your name out and put his in.

25. Dogs are known to be of singular rare qualities, not only for gain and profit, but for defence and revenge also, against all such as have injured their Masters, *Blondus* relates a strange passage of a

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Dog. A young man had a Sweet-heart, that lived not far from *Paris*, he was desirous to visit her, and took another Young-man with him, and his Dog; the Young-man kills his companion for his Money and hid him, the Dog seeing his dead Master, howled and grieved exceedingly, but withall, followed the Murtherer at a distance, Barking furiously at him, company coming by, wondered at the fierceness of the Dog, which could not be made to leave either following him, or Barking at him, the People bid him fight with him, and kill him; but the Dog set upon him, caught him by the throat, and he crying out for help, told the man if they would take off the Dog, he would tell them the cause, they with much ado got him off, he confessed that he had murthered the Dogs Master, whereupon he was Aprehended and Executed at *Paris*. This *Blondus* in *Hist. Animal. Gesner. de Quadrup. Lib.* 1. *de Cane.*

16. *Ælian* tells a wonderful History of *Juba*, King of the *Moors*, who going with a great company into the Desarts to Hunt, by chance cast a Dart and wounded a Lyon, which yet made away, and escaped in the Woods: The next year after he coming to Hunt, and to take his pleasure again, this Lyon was roused by him, but the Lyon was not affrighted at the Noise or Weapons of the Hunters, but came furiously and fell upon his old Adversary and tore him to pieces, neither did he meddle with any of the other, and so having revenged himself for a Wound, ran off into the Woods: So knowing is the Lyon, and of such quick resentment of injuries done him. *Gesner. de Quadrup. Lib.* 1. *de Leone.*

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27. There is an Admirable Hiſtory, concerning that Beautiful and Maiden City of *Holland* called *Dorcht*, the *Spaniards* had intended an Onſlaught againſt it, and ſo they had laid certain thouſands of old Souldiers in Ambuſh not far from it. There did live a Rich Farmer who kept many Cows in his Grounds, to furniſh *Dorcht* with Butter and Milk; the Milk Maids coming to Milk, ſaw allunder the hedges Souldiers lying, they ſeeming to take no notice but went ſinging to their Cows, and having Milked, went as merrily away; coming to their Maſters houſe they told what they had ſeen; the Maſter wondring at it, took the Maid with him and preſently came to *Dorcht*, told it to the Burgomaſter, who ſent a Spie immediately, found it true; prepared for their ſafety, ſent to the States who preſently ſent Soldiers into the City and gave order that the River ſhould be let in at ſuch a Sluce, to lay the Countrey under Water; it was done, and many *Spaniards* were drowned and utterly diſappointed of their deſign: the Town ſaved, and the States in the memory of the merry Milk-maids good ſervice to the Country, ordered him a large Revenue for ever, te recompence his loſs of houſe, Land, and Cattle; cauſed the Coin of the City to have the Milk-maid under her Cow to be Graven, which is to be ſeen upon the *Dorchet Dollars*, *Stivers* and *Doights* at this day; and ſo ſhe is ſet upon the Water Gate of *Dorcht*, and ſhe had during her Life and to hers for ever, an Allowance of Fifty Pound *per diem*. A noble requital for a Virtuous Action.

28. What ſtrange Effections and Operations of

things, whoſe cauſes and times are not vulgarly known, is ſeen by that memorable and witty Invention of *Cæſar*, who being in *Germany* by the Rhien, and his enemies ſo numerous, and near unto his Army, he perceived that his Legionary Souldiers themſelves were diſmayed, and would have drawn off further, he uſed (as he was able) many Arguments to hearten them to fight, as preſent Pay, knowledge of their Enemies Cowardiſe before Honour to their Country, *&c.* And withal added this one thing as a ſure preſage of Victory to them, that he was informed by the Gods to encourage them, bad them look upon the Moon, and ſee how clear it ſhined that Night; but ſays he, if you ſee it all dark the next Night, you are ſure to Conquer if you Encounter; they all upon this, if it ſo fell out, agreed to Live and Dye with him the next Night (and *Cæſar* knew it well) the Moon was Eclipſed, they ſeeing it prove as he ſaid, reſolved to Fight, and had Succeſs, as *Cæſar* foretold. *Cæſar. Comment.*

29. Great advantages have been made by good intelligence of the Cuſtoms, and Religious Ceremonies of Enemies. *Cæſar* being to fight againſt *Arioviſtus*, Commander of the *Germans*, knowing them great ſtrong Perſons, and great Drinkers, eſpecially at their Feaſts and Superſtitions, the Souldiers being eager to fight, but *Cæſar* wiſhed them to have all things ready, and be ſtill for a day or two, and their work would be the eaſier performed, for *Cæſar* knew it was the *Germans* cuſtoms to Drink and Feaſt, and Revel, and Rout, at the New-Moons, & Full-Moons; he found it

it true, and fell upon them at the Full-Moon, they, as they ſcorned his ſmall Army, ſo they were ſo gorged, that they neither could ſtand, nor fight, and ſo periſhed in their Superſtitious Drunkenneſs. *Cæſ. Com.*

30. Upon the Truce made for Twelve Years betwixt the King of *Spain*, and the *Low-Countries*, the Commanders on both ſides met together, and there was a great Bear-baiting, ſeveral Dogs played; firſt, a *French*, then a *Dutch*, and laſtly by Sir *Francis Ver's* appointment, a luſty *Engliſh* Maſtiff was ſet on, he turned the Bear over, and cloſed fight with him; *Spinola* ſitting by, the Prince of *Orange* asked what Country Dog that was, 'twas anſwered it was an *Engliſh* Dog; I thought ſo, ſays *Spinola*, they are ſore bitten ſtout Dogs, had it not been for them, I would ere this, have worried their Countries as well, and ſoundly, as he hath done the Bear: it proved that the ſtout *Engliſh* hearts kept the *Low-Countries* from the bloody *Spaniſh* Tyranny.

31. The Duke of *Saxony* fighting againſt the Emperour at a place called in *Dutch*, *Godts-Acre*; won the day and took many great men Priſoners, amongſt the reſt there were four or five Biſhops, all in Armour *Cap-a-pe*. The Duke asked them what they made there in that Habit, diſarmed them, and ſent their Armour and Weapons to the Pope; by whoſe Commiſſion they fought, and in his Letter to the Pope, asked him whether the Apoſtles Succeſſors ſhould or ought to be Fighters, and whether it was fitting that thoſe that ſhould Preach peace, ſhould weare ſuch garments of Iron

and ſteel to ſhew Church-men ſhould not be Fighters nor Strikers.

32. It is a certain means (upon a journey) to keep your Horſe, if he be of ſtrength and ſound, that he ſhall not Tire, but go on to his Journeys end; if he be Dull and cares not for whip or Spur, alight and go to a Smiths ſhop and get a Horſe-Nail and run through the Horſes Ear, bend the ſharp end of it, and let the Clapper hang pretty low in his Ear, which whether by the ſudden noiſe that it makes in his Head, or that it affrights and keeps him from heavyneſs; it is ſure that ſo long as that hang in his Ear, he will not but go on his way, *Probatum eſt.*

33. There fell out a ſharp Conteſt betwixt two great Perſons in Q. *Elizabeths* days, and both of them aroſe from mean Familyes, the one from a *Cloathier*, the other from a *Smith*: He that was the Smith thinking to upbraid the other of his Stock, ſaid to him in a taunting Jeering way: Oh, good my Lord, What's become of the Gray Pack-Horſe, that carried your Fathers Packs of Wool from *Braintree* to *Colcheſter?* The other perceiving his rancor, ſuddenly replied: Oh Sir, there were a knaviſh Smith in Shooing him pricked him in the foot and ſo like a knave lamed him.

34. A Graſier having bought a Parcel of Sheep in *York-ſheir*, of two hundred; he hired a Boat to bring them over *Humber* into *Lincolnſhire*, the Waterman having drank pretty deep aſhore one of them ſitting at the ſide of the Boat falling to take a Nap, nodded his Head, a Ram ſtanding

next to him seeing him Nod twice or thrice, Butted him on the Breſt, and threw him into the River, the other casting out a Rope saved him from Drowning; he coming into the Boat, thought to be revenged on the Ram, so took him and flung him Overboard, the rest seeing the Ram in the River, presently all Leaped over after him, and were Drowned to the utter undoing of the Waterman, who had engaged to bring them safe to Land.

35. *Christian*, Duke of *Brunswick*, a Valiant Prince, joyned with Count *Mansfield* to assist the *Palsgrave*, came with his Army very weary, to a large (as it proved) rich Monastery, not far from *Hael* and *Leipsich*, he summoned it, they within refused; he desired the Friars either to supply his present necessities with Victuals, or with so much Money to buy for his Souldiers, and he would see them paid again; they refused both, professing Poverty, he being vexed, Battered it and forced them to submit; there was infinite store of all sorts of provision, which the Souldiers took: The Duke entring, went into the Chappel, where there stoods the Images of the twelve Apostles and divers other Saints of Massy Silver; the Duke hating Popery, asked the Fryars who they were, the Fryars answered, the twelve Apostles; what do you shut them up all Prisoners here, they are to go among all Nations? Caused them to be taken down and Coyned into *Rix Dollars* for his army; with this Jeer to the Fryars, Better spent then ill saved; meaning for Superstition and Popish Idolatry, adding this to all the other: You, sayes he,

have prayed unto them, I have prayed upon them, go you and pray for more.

36. Many men with travelling in hot Weather, and in places destitute of Drink or Water, are ready to faint; to hinder both these, take in your Pocket two or three Olives, and as you are athirst eat one of them, and keep the stone in your mouth, which will preserve you from fainting and thirst. *Aldrovandus Hist. Lib.* 2.

37. *Plutarch vel. max.* There is Recorded in Histories a famous Example, of the Love of a Daughter to her Aged Father, who as a Prisoner, and not permitted the company of any friends, his Daughter at that time giving Suck, spared it from her Child, and saved her Milk in her Breast for her Father, whom she all the time of his imprisonment, fed with her Milk.

38. Three Roman Ladies being met, whereof *Cornelia*, great *Scipios* Daughter was one, the other two were *Campania*, but lived in *Rome*; there fell out a Contest betwixt them, which of them had and kept the Rarest and Richest Jewels, the day was appointed to visit one another, coming to the first she shewed her Diamonds, Carbucles, Gold Bracelets, Ear Rings, Collars and Coronets of Rubies and Precious Stones, set in Gold, together with her rich and various Attire and Perfume, *& hoc omnia mea*, And these are all mine own, says he, so coming to *Cornelia's* house she shewed them her Children at their Books, with their School-Master, and here are mine, says she, but going from hence to the third Lady, she shewed them a large Room of poor mens Children, which

which she kept as her own in good Order and Industry: And here you see mine: I will not lose them nor change them for all yours, said she, and the truth is, she deserved the praise and honour for relieving so many poor Orphans. *Burtons Melanch. Page* 473.

39. A *Florentine* young Gentleman, was so deceived by the Lustre and Orientness of her Jewels, Pearls, Rings, Lawns, Scarfs, Laces, Gold Spangles, and other Gaudy devices that he was ravish'd over night, and was mad till the Marriage was solemnized, but next Morning by light, Viewing of her as she was before dressed & so gorgeously trim'd up, she was a Lean Yellow Riveled deformed Creature, that he never Lay with her nor lived with her afterwards; and would say, that he Married himself to a stinking house of Office painted over, and set out with fine Garments; and so for grief consumed away in Melancholly, and at last Poysoned himself. *Gomesius. Lib.* 3. *de sal. Gen. Cap.* 22.

40. To shew the force of Love, with opportunity and gifts, reward and beauty, *Gualtherus Mapes*, an old Historian four hundred years since, tells in this manner. At *Barley* in *Glocester-shire*, there was a Nunnery, of which there was a Noble and fair Lady, the Abbess *Godwin*, that Subtile Earl of *Kent* travelling that way, leaves a Nephew of his a proper young Gallant under her care (as if he was sick) till he came back agian; and gives the Young-man charge to counterfeit Sickness so long till he had deflowred the Abbess, and as many of the Nuns at he could, and leaves, him Rings,

Gold, Jewels, Girdles, Bracelets, to entice them the easier to his desires. He was glad of this Imployment, and they hearing from one another how Liberal he was, was very willing to visit him, and in so short space he so followed Earl *Godwin's* direction, that most of them were with Child by him; *Godwin* hasts to the Court, informs that all in such a Nunnery were Whores, and how they were all or most of them Big-bellyed, procures a Visitation of the Abby. Gets them all turned out with grief and shame, and Begs the Lands for his own use. *Cambden Glocestershire.*

41. *Petrarchus* tells a strange story of *Charles* the Great, who foolishly doted upon a woman of mean Favour and Fortune, wholly delighting in her Company, to the great grief and indignation of his Followers, and when she died would embrace her Corps, caused her dead Body to be richly Embalmed, her Coffin set with Jewels to be carried about with him, over which he Lamented. One of his Chaplains Prayed to God earnestly, that the Emperour might be delivered; it was related to him, that the cause of the Emperours doting love, lay under the womans tongue, the Chaplain went and found under her tongue a little Ring, he took it away and presently the Emperour hated the Corps, and loved his Chaplain as eagerly, and would not let him be out of his sight; the Chaplain conceiving there might be some Charm in the Ring, flung it away into a great Lake, where then the Emperour was; the Emperour forthwith abandoned all his other

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Palaces, and built a house there and a Temple, and lived there, and was there Buried, and commanded all other Emperours should be Crowned there, and the name of the place is called *Achon* to this day. *Petrarch Epist. fam. lib.* 1. *Epist.* 5.

42. There is in Love an Extraordinary Attractive Power, *Gobrias* when he was Captain under *Myrtilus*, espied a fair beautiful maid, a Captive called *Rodanthe*, but she made the Captain a Captive; for when he had seen her, he fell upon his knees before *Myrtilus* the General with Tears, Vows, Protests, and all the Rhetorick he could use, by all the Scars & Wounds he had receiv'd for the good Service he had done, or whatsoever else was dear unto him by his Honour, honest Friends, and Fortunes, besought he might have *Rodanthe*, Oh sweet *Rodanthe* to his wife, as a reward of his worth and service, he would forgive all the Money due to him, he would ask no body no Portion but *Rodanthe* only to be his Wife; and when he saw he could not compass his ends that way, he fell to treachery, force, and villany, & laid his life to stake, and so indeed Perished for love. *Theodor. lib.* 3.

43. Every Lover admireth his Mistriss for a *Diana* if he be taken with a conceit of her, though we be deformed of her self and that men may see their folly herein: Take a Description of an ill favoured Woman, yet exceedingly doted upon by a fond foolish Lover: Her skin and Face pimpled; pale; Yellow-Tanned; Tallow-fac'd; a swoln Juglars; Platter Face; a Thin lean Chitty-face; Cloudy-faced; Crooked; Dry; Bald; Goggle-eyed; Blear-eyed; Squint-eyed; staring-eyes; wry-neck'd, heavy,

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Dull, hollow-eyed, black or yellow eyed, Sparrow-mouted, hook-noſed, Fox noſe, flat great Noſe, like a Promontory, Gubbertuſh'd, Rotten, Black, Uneven teeth, Beetle-browed, a Witches beard, ſtinking breath, dropping noſe, with a Bavarian Pock under her chin, Lave-eard, her Duggs like two Juggs, bloody fallen fingers, filthy, long unpared nails, ſcabb'd hands and wriſts, a rotten Carcaſe, crook back'd, Splay-footed, Gouty legs, and ſore running Ankles hanging over her ſhooes, ſtinking feet, breeding Lice and Vermine; a Slut, a Fuſtiluſs, a Truſs, a Rawbon, a Skeleton, a Doudy ſlut, a Scold, a naſty Ramiſh filthy Quean, Diſhoneſt obſcene, baſe beggerly, rude fooliſh, untaught Peeviſh, Irus brat; Thirſites Siſter, let her be as naſty and foul as a Dunghil: Yet if blinded with beſotting luſt, he admires all for Rare; ſhe is an *Empreſs*, the *Treaſury* of both *Indies* comes ſhort of her perfections, Acarrac, of Diamonds, a Chain of Pearl, a Caskinet of Jewels is but her juſt reward, *Venus* her ſelf, *Panthea*, *Cleopatra*, *Tarquius*, *Taraquil*, *Heeodus*, *Merimne*, or *Mary Burgandy*, cannot exceed her: *Diana* was not to be compared to her, nor *Juno*: nor *Minerva*; *Thetis* feet were as bright as ſilver; *Hebes Ancles*, clearer then Chriſtal, the arms of *Aurora*, as ruddy as a Roſe, *Juno's* breaſts as white as ſnow; *Minerva* was wiſe, *Venus* was fair, but not any, nor all theſe can equal this ſo fond conceited beauty. *Burtones Melanch. pag.* 517.

44. A Gentlemans Daughter of *Venice*, of great State and Dignity, fell in Love with a Fidler, a neat

neat ſpruce fellow, ſhe was ſo enamoured of him, that ſhe would wait all opportunity to ſee him, he travell'd and ſhe followed him, he went to the Wood, ſhe did alſo adventure in mans Attire, he coming home again, ſhe returned to her Father, he wondered where ſhe had been, and the cauſe of her going, ſhe told him ſhe was in Love: her Father told her, rather then ſhe ſhould wrong her ſelf, he would give her leave to Marry, onely he would ſee and know whom ſhe had ſet her heart upon; at laſt with much ado ſhe told her Father, that he was but a mean man by his Profeſſion; he asked what, ſhe told him plainly that he was a Fidler; her Father told her he was too inferior, for one of her Rank and Quality, and that it would be a diſparagement to him and her to marry ſuch a ſleight fellow as a Fidler; O Father ſays ſhe, I beſeech you let me have him, why ſo; ſays her Father; ſhe replyed, as long as he can play and ſing, and I can dance, we will be ſure to keep a merry houſe. *Faleriota. Lib. 2. obſerv. 7.*

45. Love works ſtrange Effects in perſons, it will make men pine away, run mad, dye upon a ſudden, go they care not whither, do they know not what, make away others, and themſelves too, make them to Steal, commit Inceſt, Rapes, Adulteries, Murthers, depopulate Towns, Cities, Countries; it will make Kings ſpend their Lands, Lives, Crowns, Kingdoms, as King *John* for *Matilda* the fair Nunne of *Dunmow*: *Platerus*: *in Med. Obſerv. lib.* 1. Tells of a young Gentleman that Studied Phyſick long, and at length fell in love with *Borjudus* Daughter of *Strasburgh*, and becauſe

becauſe he could not ſpeed, poyſoned himſelf, 1615. A Barber in *Francfort* hearing his Sweetheart was betrothed to another, cut his own throat. At *Nechurch* the ſame year, One, becauſe he could not get his Fathers good will to marry, killed his ſweetheart firſt, and afterward himſelf; deſiring them that ſtood by, when he gave up the ghoſt, that they might be buried in one Grave. This is not all neither, for in the rage of luſt, they will kill and murder others, neareſt deareſt friends; *Cateline* kill'd his own Son, for the love of *Aurelia*; *Oriſtella*, *Laodice* the ſiſter of *Mithridates* poyſoned her husband for the love of a Clown; *Alexander* to pleaſe *Thais*, ſet *Perſepolis* on fire, with a number of ſuch Fatal Examples of the force of Luſt unbridled.

46. Two young Lovers ſitting together, ſtudied how to deſcribe their Miſtreſſes compleatly, the one ſaid his Sweet-heart ſhould have her head from *Prague*, her paps out of *Auſtria*, her Belly from *France*, her back from *Brabant*, her Face from *England*, her hands from *Ireland*, her Feet From *Germany*, her Buttocks from *Switſerland*, the *Spaniſh* gate, her Tire from *Venice*, her complements from *Italy*, her Eyes from *Perſia*, her forehead from *Spain*; The other he deſcribed his Sweetheart thus: He would have her modeſt, pretty, pleaſing, ſweet, ſinging, mincing, merry, dainty, dancing, jolly, nimble, ſlender, ſtrait, Black-eyed, fine white hands, of Sanguine Complection, little mouth, Corral lips white, even ſmall teeth, Soft, Plump, and fair Neck.

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47. Many have disputed whether Marriage, or single life is to be preferred, and have shewed Arguments on both sides, amongst the rest *Jacobus de Voragine*, in 12. Arguments pathetick succinct and *Elegant* hath described the benefits of Marriage, they are these.

1. *Hast thou means? thou hast one to keep and increase it.*

2. *Hast none? Thou hast one to help to get some.*

3. *Art thou in* Prosperity? *she doubles it.*

4. *Art in adversity? She'l comfort, assist, bear part.*

5. *Art thou at home; she'l drive away melancholly.*

6. *Art thou abroad? She prays for thee, wishes thee at home, welcomes thee with joy.*

7. *Nothing is delightsome alone; No Society to Marriage.*

8. *The bond of Conjugal love is Adamantine.*

9. *Kindred is increased, Parents doubled, Brothers, Sisters, Families, Nephews.*

10. *Thou art a Father by legal, and happy issue.*

11. *Barren matrimony is cursed by* Moses, *how much more a single life.*

12. *If nature escape not punishment, thy will shall not avoid it, as he sung it, that without Marriage, Earth, air, sea, land, oft soon would come to naught; The world it self would be to ruine brought.*

48. *Pelopidias* objected, *Epaminondas* he was not worthy the nature of men, who left not a Son behind him to defend the Commonwealth, and his name and Family, he was injurious to himself, destructive to the World, and an Apostate to Nature.

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Another quick wit replyed, and answered these with twelve other Arguments against Marriage, as

1. *Hast thou means? Shee'l spend it.*
2. *Hast none? thy beggery is increased.*
3. *Art thou in prosperity? Married, 'tis clogged or ended.*
4. *Art in adversity? Like* Job's *wife, shee'l double it.*
5. *Art at home? Shee'l be unquiet, scold.*
6. *Art thou a broad? take heed thou art not horned, and then fetch home.*
7. *Nothing is better then freedom and single life.*
8. *Marriage, 'tis such a Band there's no help of losing.*
9. *Thy miseries and cares are increased.*
10. *Thou mayest bring up others children.*
11. *As* Paul *commends Marriage; so he prefers a single life.*
12. *As Marriage is honourable, so Virginity is the life of Angels.*

Who can reckon up the Authors who have written *Pro & con*, some for, some against Marriage, 'tis a hazard, and therefore to be venter'd on.

49. *Fuglosus* relates a pretty Story, in the Kingdome of *Naples*, of an honest Country fellow at Plow by the Sea-side who saw his wife carri'd away by *Moores* Pyrates, he left his Plow, ran after into the water up to the chin, and then swam, calling to the Captain, either to let him have his wife back again, or else prayed him to take him also prisoner, for he had rather be in prison with her, then at liberty without her, a Gally slave, a

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Drudg; any thing to have his dear wife again, the Captain relating this passage to the Governour of *Tunis*, he let them both free, with a Pension to keep them as long as they lived, *Fulgosus Lib.2.*

50. About half a year since, a hasty Justice of Peace in *London* standing at his Gate, there was a little distance from him a company of men and women, about a man that cried News-books and Ballads, the Justice sent his man to him to forbear, or else he would lay him by the heels, the man answered the Messenger stoutly again, that it was more then he, or his Master, or his Masters Father before him could do; the Message being returned, the Justice bad his man and others to help him carry the fellow, and see him laid by the heels; they went eagerly, and when they came to execute their purpose, the man told them they was mistaken of him, for they should not lay him by the heels; the man maintain'd his words, and said he would make them good; when they came to attempt they perceived their error, for the man had no legs, but was a Cripple.

51. Two Schollars of good degree, and very well learned, resolved with themselves to leave the University; and so in the plain and poor habit of Pedlars, they resoved to travel through *England*, and never keep company with any Gentleman; they agreed with a Stationer of *London* to send them down penny, and two penny Books and Ballads, and what they would give to the poor, they came at last to a Windmil, and stood staring upon it, and walking about, making a wonder what it should be, the Miller seeing two such poor fellows

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gazing at, and ſtalking about his Mill, boldly asked them why they did ſo, O good Gaffer ſays one of them, what thing is this? You Coxcombly knave ſayes he, it is a Mill; what did You take it to be? truly ſayes the ſcholler, we took it for a Jayle, why ſo ſaid the Miller? becauſe we ſee ſo great a Theif look out at the dore, and therefore we haſt away for fear of robbing, ſo they ran and the Miller after them, but they were to quick footmen, and ſo eſcaped unhurt, though they were cruelly threatned.

52. An old Souldier in *Ireland* being a *Scotchman* delighted in bagpipes, and ſo in his journeys carried always a pair with him, not only for recreation to himſelf, but alſo for gain; travelling one day by himſelf and being weary, ſate down by a Wood ſide, took out ſome Bred and Cheeſe, and began to eat; all on a ſudden he ſpies a great Wolf coming towards him, he having no Weapon by him, caſt his Bread and Cheeſe to the Wolf, which the Wolf eat, but ſtill came nearer to him, ſo that he was in a pittiful fear of his life, but beſtirring himſelf, he took his Pipes in his hand, and put them to his mouth and played aloud, the Wolf hearing the ſudden and ſtrange noiſe, made away as faſt as his feet would permit, when the fellow ſaw it, he played ſtill running after the Wolf, but he liked not the Muſick; O ſir ſayes the Souldier are you gone at Muſick, had I known it, I would not have ſpared to have given you your Muſick before I gave you any Dinner, but well fare that Muſick that rid away ſuch Gueſts as you are.

53. A witty Gentleman living in a Kinſmans houſe, who had an abſolute Scold to his Wife,

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was weary of his Lodging there becauſe of her Song; he Penn'd ſpecial Verſes deſcribing the miſchiefs of a Shrew to the Life, before his going from the Houſe; his Kinſman came to him and deſired him to let him have a Copy of the Verſes, which he delivered by word againſt Scolding women: For ſays he, I mightily approve and like them as rare and ſingular ones: Truly ſays his Friend, Cozen, the Lines are good, but I conceive you ſtand not in need at all of a Copy of them; why ſo ſaid the other? Becauſe replied his Kinſman, you keep the true Original at all times by you, meaning his Wife a Scold.

54. Two Country Fellows coming through *Pauls* Church-Yard, when the Church was Repairing, ſeeing ſuch huge maſſy ſtones lye there. Ah! Neighbour *Roger*, ſays he, had I theſe pretty Stones in my Yard at *Dunſtable*: What would'ſt thou do with them, Says *Roger*? Faith Honeſt Neighbour, ſays he I would make a great Brick wall round about my Houſe with them: a Brick Wall replied his Neighbour, why it is impoſſible: Prethee ſays the other tell me, Doeſt thou think that they can be made ſquare as Bricks: Yes, ſays his Neighbour, I belive that: why then ſays he, I am ſure they are ſtrong as Bricks, and as broad as Bricks, and will laſt as long as any Bricks, I'le wararant thee.

55. Two Countrymen of *Leiceſter-ſhire*, coming up to *London*, when they had ſeen many ſtrange ſights, coming near the *Thames* by *Waping*, ſaw the Ships riding at Anchor, and wondring what they ſhould be, at length asked a Porter that came

by what it was, who answered it was a Ship. Now God bless us quoth the Country-men, how old may one of them be? some a year, and some two year old, says the Porter: Lord save them, says the men, if they be so Big and so High at two years of age, what will they be when they come to be as old as you and I am Neighbour: Why says the Porter; they do not grow; How then, says they, came they to be so big as they are?

56. A Gentleman of good Extraction and Noble Education, and of Exquisite Lineaments of Person: Not far from *Paris*, had a long time bestoed his Maiden Affection upon a young Gentle-woman, who lived near him of admirable Parts, and her Father was extream Rich; they loved each other, but the Parents consents could not be had, because of disproportion of Wealth; the Gentleman finding his hopes Frustrate, took a faithful Servant with him and went into *Poland*, to the Wars against the *Turks*, where he made sufficient proof of his Valour; but at last received his deaths Wound, his Wounds bleeding, he took his Blood as it issued from them, and writ his mind to this Gentle-woman in Blood, and gave it to his man with this charge, that as soon as he was dead, he should cut his Heart out of his Body, dry it and beat it to Pouder, and carry it and the Letter to his Sweet heart, which he heard was Married to one against her will mearly for wealth, the man swore he would to the uttermost, perform his Masters desire: So he being dead, the man came to *France*, and in waiting his opportunity was suspiciously apprehended by him who had Married the Gentle-

Gentlewoman, and being ſearched, he read the Letter, and ſaw the Pouder, diſmiſſed the man with threatning to forbear his Grounds; keeps all cloſe from his Wife, who grieved becauſe ſhe was Married againſt her will; at lengh he gives it her in Broth, and mixed with Sauces in her Meat, and as ſhe was eating, he asked her how ſhe liked the Broth and Sauce; ſhe ſaid, ſhe never did eat any thing that pleaſed her ſo well, well ſayes he, it is nothing elſe but the Heart of your former Sweet-Heart beaten to Pouder, and ſhewed her the Letter, ſhe knowing it, ſaid it is ſo good and excellent, it is pittie any of it ſhould be loſt, and ſo ſhe eagerly eat it all up, went up to her Chamber and with preſent grief died, lamenting her own and the Gentlemans hard hap. *Thuanus. Hiſt. Gall. Lib. 3.*

57. Two young Paramours ſet their Youthful affection both upon a young Maid, and both ſtrove who ſhould be deepeſt in her Love; the one exceeded for Variety of Preſents and Gifts, but the others love was the truer, her Parents councelled her to make moſt of him who gave her moſt, yet ſhe liked him beſt who gave her leaſt: It fell out in a Summers evening, that ſhe was taking the Air with him that was moſt Liberal to her, the other ſeeing them, and at a ſmall diſtance obſerving their Familiarity and Embracings, could not forbear but came up to them, and demanded his Love, he was ſtartled at it, yet ſeemed of a ſudden to be more willing to go with him then with the former, he ſeeing her Inconſtancy told her what he had done for her, and becauſe ſhe was ſo

willing to leave him, he would but give her one Token more, and ſo he would depart: She not obſerving nor fearing any ſuch miſchief, let him come to Salute her, but he ſtab'd her to the Heart, the other perceiving the Fact, drew his Rapier, and there the two Paramours kil'd each other, ſo they died all there together. *Thuan. Lib.* 4. *Hiſt. Gall.* 4.

58. There was a rich Mercer in *Sencoke* in *Kent*, who had only one Daughter, who was in love with a young Gentleman of *Kent*, who loved her dearly; he with a Young Miniſter his Friend as he thought, coming within three or four Miles of the place, deſired him to Ride to his Sweet-heart, and preſent his Service unto her, for he was not at preſent well, but had ſent his Friend to her: He went, but never told his Meſſage truly but falſly, for he ſaid unto her that he was come to tell her from ſuch a man his final Reſolution, that he was reſolved now upon another, and left her free, becauſe ſhe was not a Gentle-woman born; and he would not undervalue himſelf, nor diſgrace his Parent for a little Wealth, and ſuch like matter. She being a proper Maid and high ſpirited, and ſeeing the Parſon a handſome Man, ſaid to him: That ſince the other had ſo undeſervedly uſed her, ſhe would marry the next that asked her good will: The Parſon moved that, that he might have the happineſs, ſhe preſently conſented, and they were forthwith married privately: But how ſucceeded this Match? Her Father hearing of it, caſt her off, and would not endure to ſee the Parſon, who came and told the Gentleman that he had

had been with such a Party, but assur'd him there was no hopes for him, for she was lately Married to another. The Gentleman was stricken in amaze, fell sick and died of a Consumption: They came into ESSEX where he served a Curat for many Years, till her Father died, who at his death revoked all that he had done, and left all his Estate to his Daughter: But did it thrive? his own Bother borrowed five hundred pound for a Deanary in IRELAND, but never repayed it; he laid out a great deal more for a perpetual Advowson, but enjoyed it not; for he was Sequestred and died miserably; left his Wife and Children to the Parish: Who for grief and want in the time of War quickly died, and so this unjust Match never prospered. *Probatum ist.*

59. *Peggius* the *Florentine*, tells a pretty story, of a Phisician in *Millain* that Cured mad Folks, by keeping them in the Water which he kept in his House; some to the Knees, some to the Middle, others to the chin, *ad modum in Santæ*. As they were more or less mad: And one of his Patients being pretty well recovered, stood at the door, by which came a young Gentleman with a Hawk on his fist well Mounted, and ten or twelve Spaniels following, the man was very earnest to know for what use all that preparation was for, the Gentleman told him it was to catch Fowl; how much in the Year said the other, may the Fowls be worth you take? Ten or Twenty Crowns said the Gallant: and what may your Hawks, Horses and Hounds cost, sayes the other, five or six hundred Crowns, saies the man: Oh, says he, your Wealth runs

away with your Horſes and Hounds, and your Fortunes with your Hawks: I wiſh you to be gone quickly, for if the Maſters Phiſician come, he'll put you into his Water, not to the Knees, or Middle, or Chin, but over Head and Ears, for you are mad all over. *Democritus Junior. Morb.* 3. *Subſect.* 13.

60. *Martine Cromerus*, tells us a noble Story of the conſequence of Scurrile Jeſts and Flouts, eſpecially to our betters: *Vladiſlaus* the ſecond King of *Poland*, and *Peter Dunnius* Earl of *Shrine*, had been a Hunting, and being overtaken with night, they were enforced to Lodge in a poor Cottage, when they were in Bed, the King told the Earl that his Wife lay ſofter with the Abbot of *Shrine*, he then replyed and told the King, and ſo does your Queen with *Dabeſſus*, who was a brave young Gallant at Court, whom *Chriſtina* loved. This laſt and true Jeer, *Tetigit Principis animum*, Galled the Kings heart, made him a long time after, ſad and Male-content; and being made known to *Chriſtrina*, ſhe never left to trouble *Dunnius* till ſhe procured his death by poyſon. Words ſpoken in jeſt by him, but revenged in earneſt by her. *Cromerus Lib. 6. Hiſt.*

61. *Boterus* relates a complaint, that one mad, for that his Phiſician had directed him to keep his Chamber dark and cloſe for a Weeks time: He cryed out, and ſaid, *Ego is ſum, qui extremum malorum omnium pati ſum coactus.* i. e. I am the Man that am inforced to ſuffer the Extremity of Miſchiefs: What, ſays one to him, do they endure then, who under hard Task-Maſters ſpend their whole Lives in Gold Mines, and Tin Mines, Lead

Lead Mines, Colepits, like blind Mold-warps under Ground, condemned to the Galleys, hunger, Thirſt, Slavery, without hopes of delivery; to be ſhut up as the Women in *Turkey* moſt part of the year; or as the *Spaniſh* Dames, mewed up like Hawks by their jealous Husbands, to live under the Pole ſix Months in perpetual Night, to want good Air, Dyet, Exerciſe, Company, Sleep, Reſt, to be bound in Chains, in a Dungeon; to abide filthy Stinks, ratling of Chains, howling of Priſoners; to lye naſtily amongſt Toades, ones own Dung, in pain of Body and Mind: What ſays he? Is your Medicinal Phiſick to be compared to theſe Torments, be aſhamed at the Complaint, and be content. *Boterus Lib.* 7. *Polit. Cap.* 4.

62. *Auſonius* hath a witty Epigram of a poor man who had bought a Rope, and was going to hang himſelf; as he went he found a Pot of Gold, left the Rope in the place, but he went merrily home. Another man who had hid the Gold coming to fetch it, found it taken away, he was ſo ſtricken with grief for his Loſs, that he took the Rope and hanged himſelf indeed. *Auſon. Epig.* 22.

63. A great Aſtrologian living in *Rome*, caſt ſundry mens Nativites, and pretended deep Knowledg and Learning that way, and finding great gains coming to him by that Trade, at laſt hoping for a large reward, preſumed to tell one of the famouſeſt Cardinals, how that he with Care and Study, had exactly, Calculated his Nativity, and that it portended and ſhewed great Preferments, Honour, and Wealth, even to be the Supream Head, or Pope of *Rome* before he dyed, to whom the Car-

dinal wittily replyed: Alas Sir, you are quite mistaken in the time of my Birth: Not so Sir, replied the Astrologer, for I saw it exactly Registred in a Book; I, but replied the Cardinal; Sir, I have been born again by Spiritual Regeneration, and that totally Eclipsed the other, so that you are grosly mistaken; and so dismissed and utterly disappointed the Figure-caster of his hopes.

64. The Bishop of *Ely* in *Richard* the Third his time, was comitted to Prison; and at his first entrance, the Keeper gave Order to search him for Letters, and Writings; the Bishop was very unwilling to be searched, which made the Officers the more eager, and so in searching they found great store of Gold, even two thousand French Crowns. The keeper wondering at it, asked his Lordship why he brought so many pieces of Gold into Prison with him? The Bishop replied, It was always wisdom in times and places of danger, to be well stored with Friends: And so the Gold proved, for he gave half of them to the Master Keeper and other Officers, and so they let him make an escape which saved his Life.

65. King *Henry* the Eight his Jester, *Will. Summers*, being in *France*, and talking with the Jester of the King of *France*; he was telling him what a Great and Renowned Victorious King he followed: The *French* Kings Jester answerered, that he was nothing so in his Masters esteem: For, says he, if you will see his Picture, you will see what small account my Master makes of him, so they going through divers Rooms in the Court, wherein were the Picture of several Emperors and Kings,

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and Princes, yet there were none of *Henry* the Eights Picture; at last behind a long Gallery, there was a little place, an house of Office, where the *French* King eased himself, and there stood the Picture of *Henry* the Eight, look here said the *French* Jester, my Master thinks this place good enough for your Master; well says *Summers*, is it so? yet I tell you that your Master never sees my Masters Picture, but he is ready to beshit himself for fear of him.

66. A Country Farmer driving a Team of five horses, his fore-horse was decked and trimmed with Tassels, and a large Feather on his head with Ribbonds, and was very fat and lusty, the other were lean and poor Jades, without any trimming or dressing at all; a Lawyer meeting them, asked the man why his fore-horse was so fat and fine, and all the other so poor and lean: Oh Sir saies the Carter, have not you so much wit in your crafty pate, as to know, that the Fore-horse is as the Counsellour, and the rest are all his poor Clients.

67. At *Bow* in *Essex*, not far from the Bridg was a man a fishing, there came an old Excise Man, and stood upon the Bridge, looking what the fisher caught, at last after a good while staying, he called to the fisherman, telling him he needed patience by way of jeering him, because he did not see him catch any thing: What do you imagine or think to catch sayes the man, and what Fish hope you for: For what says the Fisher? I fish to catch the Devil: Oh! Strange replyed the Excisеman, pray you what bait do you use to catch him? Why says the other, do not you know that an old Excise

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man is the only bait that the Devil ſwallows, the other went away aſhamed of his Queſtion and Profeſſion.

68. A certain Gentleman that was Religious, and was uſed to examine his Servants when they came from Church, what they did remember of the Sermon; one amongſt the reſt who was very lately hired, having not lived in any Religious Family before; being amongſt the reſt of his fellow-Servants, the Gentleman asked him wat the Text was? He had began his Sermon before I came in, ſays he; what did he ſpeak of in the middle, ſayes his Maſter, Indeed Sir ſaies he, I was a ſleep then; well, replyed his Maſter, how did he end and conclude his Sermon, truly Sir ſaid he, I had an old Friend called me out before the Sermon was done; truly ſays his Maſter, if you will hear nothing at Church, you are no ſervant for my houſe, truly Sir, replyed the man, I came not to follow the Church, but to do your work, and I care not though I work all the week long, ſo that I may not be troubled in this kind on Holy dayes any more.

69. The King of *Spain* deſirous to conquer *England*, asked counſel of his Lord how it might be eaſieſt done, ſome ſaid one way, and ſome another, at laſt, one Lord told him, the ſureſt way to get it, and to keep it, was to have the Popes Donation; The King liked it very well, and ſo obtained the favour of the Pope, at firſt to curſe *England*, and then to give it to him; He prepared a great Army for Invaſion in. 88. being ſoundly beaten, and ſhamefully forced to fly from the

the old Proverb, (as ſtout as he was) that the weakeſt ſtill goes to the wall.

73. King *Henry* the ſeventh intending to Marry his eldeſt Daughter, would not do it without the advice of his Privy Council, and ſo calling them to meet, told them his purpoſe, and deſired of them to know whether he ſhould diſpoſe of her to *France* or *Scotland*? they being in Conſultation, ſome ſaid to the King of *Scots*, others ſaid to *France* by all means; the King deſirous to be ſatisfied in it, wiſhed each party, to render the reaſon of their judgements to him plainly, thoſe that ſtood for *France* ſaid it was the flower and garden of *Europe*, a Potent, rich Kingdom, and by that means he would have great Alliance? But as for *Scotland*, it was a poor barren, and an obſcure place, no wealth nor Honour by the match: Then they that were for *Scotland* ſaid to the King, as for *France*, it's a fickle people, enemies to *England*, and envious of it's proſperity, and being ſo large and great all *England*, will be eaten up of *France*; but if you match the Lady to *Scotland*, you are ſure to have a ſtout Back-piece, and who dare meddle or affront you, when you and *Scotland* are joyned in one; the other replied, That if the match was with *Scotland*, he was ſure, inſtead of a ſtout Back-piece, to have a Company of lowſie ſtout lazy Beggers at his back, but if with *France*, your Court will be filled with Wealth and Nobility; well ſays the King, my Lords I thank you all, however I think it beſt at this time, and you know my charitable mind, is to maintain the poor, and once I'le venture to give my purſe to a Begger, for tho' they come

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not to Court, yet they live contented in Hovels and in out-houſes: and ſo he Married with *Scotland.*

74. A young merry Blade inviting many of his Neighbours to his Wifes Goſſiping, amongſt the reſt, there was one that was an Alewife, a young handſome woman, but very deaf, as ſhe made her ſelf, he deſiring to be merry, took a Cup of rich Ale, beckned to her, and ſaid, here Neighbour, here is a health to you, and all our other Comrades; the Whores and handſome Laſſes that comes to your houſe, ſhe thanked him heartily, and ſaid, Sir I hope you remember your own Mother, and your Aunt, with thoſe good Gentlewomen your Siſters. The company could not forbeat laughieg at her unhappy anſwer, and wiſhed him to try her a little further; a little while after, drinking to her again, ſaid, well now here's to you, and to him that lay with you laſt; thank you kind Sir, you never pleaſed me better all my life, the Company ſaid twas a ſhrew'd anſwer: they ſaid, though her ears could not hear well, yet her tongue could ſpeak truth unhappily enough: He forbore to drink any more to her, leſt he ſhould make his Wife jealous, and the good Company ſuſpicious of his own honeſty.

75. A young Citizen with his neat Wife being invited to their friends houſe to Dinner, it chanced that he was eating of Eggs and Bacon, and ſhe was feeding upon Beef, ſhe being a dry, entreats her Husband to drink to her, which he did, think you Husband, ſaid ſhe, thou drinkeſt after thy Eggs, and I drink after my Ox; The one asked her why ſhe

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ſaid ſo; I am ſure, ſaid ſhe it's either Calf or Ox; the company ſmiled, and her Husband digeſted it though hardly, for it almoſt turned his ſtomach.

76. The Earl of *Holland* being Chancellor in King *James*'s time, got leave to make ſuch a number of men Doctors: who after were called *Hollands* Doctors; many, if not moſt of them, being unlearned for ſuch a preferment, Amongſt others one that was uſed to make King *James* merry, a Knight, Sir *J. M.* deſired his Majeſty, that he might be furniſhed with 200 l. and he would be a Doctor too: The King gave him his Requeſt, he came with two other ſtout Drinkers to *Cambridge*, gets to him moſt of *Bacchus*'s Champions in the Univerſity; ſtayes Drinking ſtoutly there for a Fortninght, the King miſſing his wonted merriment, ſent away one of his nimble Footmen to him, to deſire him to haſten to the Court, he preſently leaves his ſtout Drinkers, and comes to White-Hall, preſenting himſelf before the King; the King ſaid, welcome Sir *John*, but no Maſter Doctor, nay ſays he to the King, you might have ſaid welcome Maſter Doctor; but no Sir *John*: For I never wore my Sword ſince I went to *Camaridge*. Why man, ſaies the King the Devil of a Doctor art thou, Thou kenneſt no Latine? It's true replyed the Doctor, before I went to *Cambridge* I underſtood no Latin, but had I ſtai'd ther but one fortnigh longer; I dare ſwear I ſhould ſcarce have ſpoken any good Engliſh; I was ſo ſtrangely changed: but good Sir, I tell your Majeſty, I am a Doctor, of what ſaid the King? Of fidlers and Muſitians (ſays he) for I broke two or three of their Fiddles

Fiddles I am ſure of it, becauſe the Knaves were drunk, and could not play truly: Oh ſays the King, where is my 200 l. piſh ſays he, I ſent 100 l. of it to *Apollo*, and drunk the other 100 l. with the ſtudents of *Bacchus*; and ſo ſatisfied the King, and all ended in merriment, but how ſhall I call thee now ſaid the King? When your Majeſty ſees my Sword on, then call me Sir *John*, but when I go without, aſſure your ſelf I am a Doctor.

77. When Stage-plays were in uſe, there was in every place one that was called the Fool, as the Proverb ſays, *like a Fool in a Play*; At the Red bull Play-houſe, it did chance that the Clown, or the Fool being in the Attiring houſe, was ſuddenly called for upon the Stage, for it was empty, he ſuddenly going, forgot his Fools Cap, one of the players bad his Boy take it and put it on his head, as he was ſpeaking, no ſuch matter (ſays the Boy) theres no manners nor wit in that, nor wiſdom neither, and my Maſter needs no Cap, for he is known to be a Fool without it as well as with it.

78. A Witch in *Lap-land* being araigned, convicted condemned to the fire and faggot, being bound at the place of Execution to a ſtake, and the Executioner ready to put fire under her, ſhe intreated him to ſtay a little, until ſhe might have a little water to quench her thirſt, for ſhe was extreamly drie; no ſuch matter, replyed he, for I ſhould do you a great deal of injury, and put you to more pain; For aſſure your ſelf the drier you are, the better and quicker you will burn; and ſo Executed his Office.

76. Maſter

76. Master *Noy*, who was the Kings Attorney-General afterwards, being a Councellor, and of a good and pregnant wit, hearing a Case pleading, two men being Plaintiffs against a Woman who kept an Inn: The Case was that these two and another coming to a Fair where the Woman dwelt, to buy Cattel, left every one of them a hundred pound in Gold in her hand, and charged her that she should not deliver it to any, till all three came to her; so they going into the Fair to buy Cattel, one of them leaves the other and comes to the Woman, desires the Money, or else the Fair would be done: She without any scruple knowing him to be one of them, delivers it to him; he presently gets his Horse away and never was heard of. The other two sues the woman for the three hundred pound, the Case was going against her, she cried she was undone; but *Noy* standing by her, woman said he, if you Fee me, I'le warrant your Cause; She did so, he pleads. My Lord, says he, we confess we had this 300 *l.* and were not to deliver it until all three came for it: My Lord we have the Money, and let these two men bring the other, and we will pay them, but until they all three come we are to keep it; now my Lord, here are but two of them, so relieved he the Woman, and wonderfully pleased the Court, and himself.

80. Queen *Elizabeth* being a learned Princess, on a time comes into *Westminster-School* to see her Schollars, and to examine them; amongst the rest espies one of a fair and ingenious Countenance with which she was much pleased, comes to him

and ſtrokes him upon the Head, and demanded him to tell her how often he had been Whipt, the Schollar being as witty as beautiful and comely, replies *extempore* unto her Majeſty this Verſe out of *Virgil.*

Infandum, Regina jubes renovare dolorem,

She being wonderful pleaſed with the witty anſwer, ſaid he ſhould be her Child, if he did Engliſh it, which preſently he did thus; to her great comfort and his Advancement.

Moſt gracious Queen you do deſire to know,
A grief unſpeakable and full of woe.

81. A bold Lawyer who would not eaſily bluſh at a Miſtake, having (as too many of them have) more impudent words then wit; his Client ſtanding by the Bar, the Caſe my Lord (ſays he) is clear and true, as hath been warranted by two ſufficient and able Lawyers (the one of them is without doubt in Heaven) Nay ſtay there ſays the Judg, if your Caſe is no more certain and true then that, I ſhall not warrant it; for ſcarce any of our Profeſſion aim at that place: but where is the other, ſays the Judg? My Lord replies the Lawyer, I am ſure he is in a place as high or higher then Heaven, for I am ſure I ſaw him *Camera Stellata:* In the Star Chamber. And he is at preſent Lord chief Juſtice, and therefore I think my Clyents Cauſe is ſure and clear enough: But ſays the Judge, Men that are in high Office, are not always the Wiſeſt. Nay then, My Lord, ſayes the Lawyer, What ſhould we do pleading below, if you ſo cannot know the Eſtate of our Cauſes.

82. A Citizen brought up his Son to the School, and

and ſent him to the Univerſity, where he ſtudied not, but followed Company and Drinking: His Father ſent for him to come to LONDON, having a great deſire to ſee him, and to know how he profited in Studies, and what he had addicted himſelf unto: The Parſon of the Pariſh being but a mean fellow for Learning, was to examine him; Who asked him what he Studied: He anſwered *Aſtronomy*; for I am ſays he, in HEAVEN, or *Inter Stellas*, amongſt the Stars every day; meaning the Angel Tavern, or the Sun or Moon Taverns: And I have profited mainly in the Greek Tongue. Well done ſays the Parſon, let me hear ſome of that Language, for I love it; though I know as much of it as my Lord Mayors Horſe. Then ſays the Scholar: THE CAT IN THE PAN, ALL AT ONCE EAT THE PETITOES.

O Excellent, ſayes the Parſon, I ſhall inform your Father and your Mother what a hopeful Son they have, and he did; they ſupplyed him with Monys, and he haſted again to *Cambridge* to ſpend it.

83. A plain ignorant Country fellow came to his Land-lords Table, being well furniſhed with divers Diſhes, at the lower end ſtood a diſh of Artichokes; the man fell to taſte them, but one told him the Bur was the beſt, which he ſtriving to ſwallow was almoſt choak'd; a ſervant ſtanding by told him he ſhould have eaten them laſt: Laſt quoth he, prethee give me ſomthing to drink, for I doubt I have eaten my laſt, elſe already. You ſhould do well, wherever you bring any of theſe Burs to Table, to ſet good ſtore of Oyl or Butter, to make them ſlip down a little eaſier; I muſt carry them,

ſays the ſervant to my Maſter: Do ſays he, I am ſorry I was his Taſter.

84. Two Fellows beink in Dring were a fighting, there came another by them to part them, but one ſtriking at the other hit him on the Head, and cut him deeply: Well Gentlemen, have I this for my good will; ſo he made haſte to a Chirurgion to be dreſſed, who ſearched his Wound, he asked whether it was deep in the Scull or not? The Chirurgion replied, Sir, your *Pericranium* is cut, and I can ſee your Brains beat: I ſcarce believe that ſays he, for ſurely had I any Brains or Wit in my Head, I would never have come amongſt them; But the old Proverb is true, It is better to come at the end of a Feaſt, than at the beginning of a Fray.

85. A cunning Horſe-courſer deſirous to put off a lame Horſe, one coming to buy him asked why he lookt ſo lean? He vowed that but Yeſterday, he Rid him from Sun to Sun, and never lighted or drew bit, and ſo he had done that preſent day alſo; and therefore it is no marvel that he looks ſo thin. The Fellow thinking he ſpoke as in truth, bought the Horſe; but he meant that he Rid him from the Sun without *Biſhops-gate*, to the Sun in *Holland*, and ſo back again: The other thought he had Rid him a whole day Out right on a Journey.

86. A great Don of *Spain* was ſent Ambaſſador to Q. *Elizabeth* a little before Eighty eight, his Embaſſy was to diſſwade the Queen from aſſiſting the *Hollanders* any longer againſt him, or if ſhe did, then to denounce War; the Queen not regarding his Meſſage, ſent the Lord *Hunsdon* to him, and bad him give him a tart and ſower anſwer, that I will

will in faith (ſaid the Lord *Hunsdon*) ſo coming to the Spainſh Don he told him: That the Queen of *England* did not care a Fig for all *Spain*, ſet their Oranges and Lemons aſide; however ſhe had as ſower Sawce for his Maſter, as he could ſend to his Miſtriſs.

87. Sir *Hugh Hamarſley* being Lord Mayor, a Preacher at *Pauls* Croſs did bitterly rail againſt Uſury, calling them Oppreſſors, Extortioners, Excluded out of the Kingdom of Heaven, and many ſuch high Expreſſions againſt them, coming (as the manner then was) to the Lord Mayors to Dinner, after Dinner (Sir *Hugh*) knowing him to be a Prebend, and a double Beneficed Man, took him aſide, and deſired that he would let him ask him one Queſtion, with all my heart replied the Parſon: Sir, ſays Sir *Hugh*, you Preached a learned Sermon to day at *Pauls* againſt Uſury, but I pray tell me, which of theſe two are the greateſt Uſurers: He that taketh Ten in the Hundred, or he that taketh a hundred for Ten? the Latter without doubt, ſays the Parſon, and if I knew ſuch an one I would by my Preaching make him ſo aſhamed as to leave it off. Why ſays Sir *Hugh*, you are one of the men; for you have three Places of a hundred pound *per annum* a piece, and yet you allow your Curats but ten pound *per annum* to live upon: He was convinced and aſhamed, and promiſed Reformation.

88. A Welſh-man travelling to *London* was benighted, and not being able to get to a Market-Town, called at a poor little Ale houſe in a Village; but the Folks being a Bed, he called to them

desiring Lodging; the man asked how many was of them? the Welsh-man thinking to set out his Pedigree and Gentility, tells them there was one *Arise up Evans ap Jenkins, ap Morgan, ap Lluellin, ap Davie, ap Jones:* Oh good Gentlemen, I pray trouble not my House, if you be so many I cannot lodge you, for I have but one little Straw Bed: And so her Welsh Gentleman was forced to lodge under a Hedge all night; a just punishment for a boasting Proud Begger.

89. Two Women fell out, and being in height of Blood gave one another bitter language (as the custom of all Scoulds is (come, come says one of them, Gossip are not you a good one, Ile prove thee both a Whore and a theif: Oh Huswife, replyed the other, I care not much what thou sayest, but see thou makest thy word good; the other being mad, and furious with anger, made answer again: I care not a Pin for thy Law, for I will warrant thee, I am able to prove my self in all respects as good as thou art. Another that stood by, said to her; Neighbour, do you know what you say, you said she was a Whore and a Thief, and you would prove your self as good as she in all respects, I that I will, replied the other, though she should be as bad as the Devil.

90. A poor man living near *Collen* in *Germany*, held a little Land of the Arch Bishop Elector of the *Roman* Empire, his Lease being expired, some of the Bishops Favourites had begged it from the poor man, as such Vermin in great mens houses use to do; and so he fearing he should be cast out of doors, draws a Petition in this Form: To the most

most Reverend Father in God, *Frederick* Arch Bishop of *Collen*, &c. Coming to the Court to get his Petition delivered, it was rejected, because his Higneſſes Titles were not all in it, the poor man he pleaded ignorance, and ſaid, it ſhould be mended, ſo coming again, waited day after day, but could not be admitted: well ſaies he, I now ſee the old proverb is true, One Begger hath woe, To ſee another by the Door to go; for he that begged his Tenement hindered his acceſs, which he perceiving, intended to deliver it to his Highneſs himſelf. So hearing that the Arch Biſhop, the Elector would ride on hunting next morning, he ſet himſelf in a place where he was informed his Highneſs came to take horſe: at length his Electoral Highneſs came, but in ſuch ſtate, that he would not receive his Petition, but asked how ſuch Beggers had acceſs unto his Court, and ſo the man ſeeing all hopes gone, asked boldly whether that was the Elector of *Germany*, and the Arch Biſhop of *Collen* too, yes anſwered one that ſtood by, well ſays he, but if the Devil ſhould catch the Elector at Hunting, and carry him away, what would become of the Arch Biſhop then: and I wiſh it ſo come to paſs, and that day the Arch Biſhop fell from his Horſe, which fall coſt him his life.

91. Two Welch-men High-way Robbers and Thieves, having committed many Robberies, at laſt were apprehended, and at the Aſſiſes, one being the older Thief, was condemned to dye in a Halter and ſo he did; the other was condemned to be whipt thorow the Market, but before he was whipt, he deſired to ſpeak a word or two for him-

ſelf, and ſo told the Officer, that truly her Maſter that was hanged was in all her fault, for her was but a poor ſervant, and helped him to do his work. And did he owe you any wages, ſaid the Officer? O yes replied he, why ſays the Officer, he made me Executor of his Will, and ſo I intend to pay you your wages as he ordered me; ſo whipt him harſhly; the Welſhman at every laſh cried out, O Sir, I am paid enough, and to the full: I pray pay me no more; when his whipping was over, he went down into the Country, and being asked where his Maſter was, he told them he was Married hard by LONDON, at a three corner'd Shop; and that the ſame day he danced through the Street, with a great Company of people to ſee him.

92. A witty High-way-man, ſtanding for a Prize, by Rides an Antient grave Man, whom he draws aſide, and Parleying with him, found him to to be a rank Papiſt, ſo bound him in a little Coppis Wood, and told him that he borrowed a few *Peter-pence* of him; and ſo going to his place of ſetting for more game, by comes a Preciſe fellow with a little Ruff and ſhort Hair, he wiſh't him (with his Sword drawn) in charity to furniſh him with money, indeed Sir you ſtir up my Zeal, no Sir ſays the Thief, keep that to your ſelf, for I will bring you to one that will cauſe you to ſtir, and uſe all that you have; and ſo brought him a little off from the Papiſt, and left them bound one near another, and ſaid to them, I pray diſpute it, and reſolve this Queſtion againſt I come to you, whether the Pope or *Calvin* were the greateſt Schollars, and which did the moſt miſchief to the Church? But they never ſaw him again to give him an answer.

93. When

93. When *Popham* was Lord Chief Justice, a Horse-stealer was brought before him, and strong evidence being brought, the Jury found him guilty, *Popham* perceiving by his speech, that he was a Northern man and he did always favour them, having a mind to save his life, told the Jury there was a defect in the Indictment, which they had not considered, wish'd to go again and consult, they perceiv'd it was his Lordships pleasure to save him, and so brought in an error in the Bill, so upon it, *Popham* told him, Sir, you are beholding to the Drawer up of this Bill, for your life, Oh no my Lord says he, I am beholding to you for Expounding it so well and favourably for a Country man of yours: If ever it lye in my power upon the like occasion, I will do your Lordship the like favour.

94. A Country Farmer having six Cows; his Wife at evening bad her Son fetch up the Cows to Milking, the Boy went, but in driving the Cows, one of them went into a dirty Lane, at the bottom of which was a place to water in, the Boy seeing her go down there called *Ho mull, ho mull*, but she not coming, he drove home the other five; Ah my brave boy saies his Mother, where is the other Cow, indeed Mother said he; I called and called, but she went down a filthy dirty Lane, I think she is gone to the Devil, it makes no matter Boy, saies his Mother, for I will send your Father who is now in his Boots forthwith after her.

95. There was in *Buckinghamshire*, a strict Landlord to his tenants? One had a horse who would venture limb, or neck to get into a better pasture; this horse broke into a Close of the Lords, which he

he ſaw, bad his man catch him, and have him home; and tell his Tenant that if he was caught there again, he would cut off his Tail, the man did ſo and the Tenant replied doth my Land-lord ſay ſo? go and tell him, if he cuts off any horſe Tail of mine, I'l make bold to cut off his Ears; the man ſaid, take heed what you ſay, for I will tell my Maſter of it, do and ſpare not ſaies the Tenant; he told his Maſter; The Land-lord binds him over to his good behaviour; he tells the juſtice that he thought it unſeemly for a horſe to have Ears, and want a Tail, and therefore he reſolved if his Land-lord cut off his horſe-Tail, he would to make him handſome, cut off his horſe Ears ſaies the Juſtice; you meant your horſe Ears not your Land-lords, and ſo the Juſtice acquitted him.

96. *Count Mansfield*, upon a haſty march into Brunſwikland, victuals by the way was very ſcarce, his Land-lord had at that time nothing but a brood Gooſe that had young Goſlings two daies old, the man kild the Gooſe, and brought Count Mansfield both the Legs well Carbonadoed, he took one, and gave the other to the Count of Darmſtad, trying to eat it, it was ſo tough, that they could not pull it to Pieces with their Teeth, it is like your Excellencies (ſaies the Count) 'twas Pitty this Gooſe was killed, for that ſhe was ſo ſound, ſhe ſhould have hanged a week in her Feathers to have made her tender: Oh my Lord, ſaies *Mansfield*, this Gooſe is ſo good, that I think ſhe was one of thoſe that kept the *Capitol* of *Rome*, it is good Phyſick to be merry at meat of hard digeſtion; but you know my Lord, that we Soldiers are like Oſtridges, can digeſt any hard diet.

97. The

97. The Duke of *Branſwick* with his Army, coming before a rich Monaſtry, into which the Country people had carried all their goods and cattle; the Duke deſired the Overſeer of it, to ſend out ſome Proviſion for his Army, and he would give them his Protection, and ſee them repayed; but they did peremtorily refuſe: Well ſaies the Duke, when as fair means will not, foul means ſhall, ſo falls to battery, and they yielded; there was infinite ſtore of Proviſion within given to the Soldiers; the Duke takes two of the Friers, daubs them all over with Tar and Pitch, and then makes them tumble themſelves in Feathers, ſo they look'd like two *African* Monſters, he bad them go to the Dutches to pick him clean, or elſe like two Fowls to haſt to *Rome*, and tell their Father he had ſent him two Fledge Buzards or Owls for his Dinner.

98. A young woman, having married an old decrepid Man, one day ſate muſing very Melancholick, another neighbour of hers came to her, and ſaid, Goſhip what ailes you? Ah ſays ſhe I have undone my ſelf in my Marriage, tut, tut, ſays the other, an old Horſe will hold up a Job or a Journey, as well as a young one. Oh Goſhip but not in deep ways ſuch as he is to go in: keep him then ſays the other for a ſhow, and buy a younger for your uſe; for why? If one cannot, another muſt, for we Women muſt be pleaſed.

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